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FOR

1700–1701.

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N°: 1.

4TH JANUARY [1700/1.]

MR: JOHN FOQUETT CHEIF [&CA:]
[COU]NCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

[. . .] Letters of the 23d: Inst: and return this speedy answer [. . .] may come to your hands be[fore you] Dispatch the [King William]

You must not persist in takeing great care yt: the new Compa: do not bring in goods upon our Dusticks, and wee observe what past between you and them upon that occasion and commend your proceedings therein.

Wee are sorry to see soo much turn'd out [goods] for want of its true lengths and breadths, but considering [. . .] great ship wee are to loade, wee hope your discretion will lead [yor:] taking them in upon a proportionable abatement, and [. . .] order the same, and if this should not reach you before you Dispatch the King William to us, that when wee [order you] Load those goods upon a country ship or vessell bound to [this] Port, provided their's a probability of their comeing time to be ladeing upon the King William.

Wee wonder how those merchants could [. . .] two hundred Pags: upon their last Bills, being paid in the current money of this place.

Wee are unwilling you should take up [. . .] att Interest, but rather allow the one ℘cent as offer'd.

Wee cannot gratifie Mr: Bugden in his request nor is itt his Interest wee should, and therefore insist upon what formerly ordered therein.

You may dis[pose of] the horse as [you] think fitt, by sending him hither [. . .] otherwise. [. . .].

[. . .] shall in few daies return and [. . .] [Pre]sidents malepert paper, wee [. . .] what [. . .] dered about Woolston, & shall [. . .] therein [. . .] as you'l see by our answer there[to].

[. . .] must pay Mr: Rowland his [. . .] accord [. . .] er you sent us, which is due to [. . .] art what wee write to Mr: Frewe[n] whom as also [. . .] write more att large [. . .] in few daies. Wee are

Srs:

Your affection[ate] friends & Servts:

THOMAS PITT.
FRANOIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 2.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 9TH: JAN^{Y}: [1700/1.]

To M^{R}: JOHN FOQUETT CHEIF &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{rs}:

Wee wrote you the 4th: Instant, Copy [whereof] comes inclosed.

The mistake in the superscription [of the] Governours Letter was occasioned through a misinfor[mation] here, so have wrote itt over and here send it you, but leave you to write the superscription, not being thrôly info[rmed] of his name we would have it delivered and his answer desired.

Wee think itt necessary that you send [*one line lost in the original*] under our Dusticks [. . .] come upon us for arrears, and [. . .] the loss of our own privilidges, and [. . .] make for the future you must tye up [. . .] from dealing with the new Company.

[. . .] an answer to M^{r}: John Pitt's paper, w^{ch}: wee [. . .] send him in the manner he sent you or [. . .] his to us.

Wee must and will have M^{r}: Woolston [up] hither, or itt shall cost [them] dear to protect him. We are

S^{rs}:
Your very affectionate ffriends
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 3.

Wee the Governour and Council for Affairs of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company in Madrass and the Coast of Choromond[ell] &c^{a}: did on the 2^{d}: Instant receive a paper dated the 16th: of last month sign'd John Pitt, wherein were sundry expressions [as] itt had been dictated to him by the Oyster wenches att Bill gate, besides itt being stuffed with so many notorious facts that none would nor could averr, but monsters of Ingrati[tude] and such as had shook hands with shame.

It's very Improbable as well as untrue, that the Governour and Councill should apply themselves to undertake so considerable an Imploy, who had no-[thing] to eat nor clothes to cover him, No 'twas through his own opportunitys wth: some persons recommendations in England he was Entertained, wh [. . .] only wronged the Company in their Investment [. . .] niously taken sundry goods [. . .] of their Warehouses and ffactory [. . .] appear unquestionable proofe when wee [. . .] on his tryall, Whatever our orders were [. . .] no other than what became us to give [. . .] arly when wee ordered him not to game [. . .] S^{r}: William Norris nor yourself nor any [. . .] to be a necessitous person, whereby great damages [. . .] accrue to the Comp^{a}: By the Informations [Woolston] gives you, and the Credit you give to [him] we can't but take notice that he finds he has soft wax to work on, and wee must be of the same Opinion. For your mentioneing stones chests for show, Our masters circumstances don't want such deludeing Varnishes whatever yours doe, and for more than the sum wee charge 'em, wee have their acknowledgments of the receit thereof.

As for your summoning the Governour and Council of this place before you, is equally rediculous with your behaviour when in this port, and know yee too, that wee have sufficient powers to try all manner of Delinquents if occasion requires and can send force enough out of the little Garrisson to fetch you hither.

Wee think itt a triviall crime (if any) to disowne a Consull, considering our circumstances and yours but are assured us a Capitall Crime to disowne a king, w^ch : with some if it had soe hapened they had never been Consulls.

'Tis certaine a great misfortune for any society to have a holt-brain'd President att the head of their affairs, but a farr greater to have a Cracke-brain'd and un[. . .] President, who must undoubtedly in a little time [. . .] [. . .] ill spent in answering your imper[tinent] you and your Councill take notice, that [. . .] President and In consider [. . .] Councill, adheres [. . .] of the protest sent you being grounded on hone [. . .] and will put in execution our resolutions [when] opportunity presents, In confirmation [we . . .] hereunto sett our hands and seall of [. . .] Hon^ble : Company, In ffort S^t : George this 9^th : day of January 1700/1.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO M^R: JOHN PITT, PRESID^T: &C^A:
COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE NEW ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY ATT MADDAPOLLUM.

N°: 4.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 9^TH: JAN^RY: 1700/1.

TO M^R: STEPHEN FREWEN CHEIF &C^A:
COUNCILL ATT MADDAPOLLUM.

S^rs :

Wee received yours the 19^th : past the 2^d : Instant with the severall papers inclosed.

Wee shall suply you w^th : money soe soon as possible wee can, and you'l do well to advice us the prices of all sorts Rupees, for that wee fear will be difficult to procure Madras Pagodas to send you.

We well approve of your good intention of retrenching your charges, and of your caution in disposseing of the bricks of the house pull'd downe, which [. . .] rather should lye by some time, than be bought by the new Company. The Seaven timbers you mention wee would have sent hither, and the others if they are broke about the mi[ddle] or the longest part of them.

Wee are sorry to see that you are no forwarder in your Investments, which makes us fear [. . .] for the King William.

M^r: John Pitts unmanerly answer to our proposal [. . .] accordingly have given him an answer thereto [. . .] &c^a: will impart to you [. . .] [infor]med from Metchlepatam that your merchants [were] also concern'd in the new Company bring in the[ir goods] under our Dusticks, w^ch: you must use your utmost endeavours to prevent, for this may endanger the Loss of our Privileges, so that for the future you must take care not to contract w^th: any merchants that are concern'd with them. Wee are

S^rs :
Your very affect : freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 5.

FORT ST: GEORGE 18TH: JANUARY 1700/1.

TO WILLIAM FRAISER, ESQUIRE
DEPTY: GOVERNOUR &CA: COUNCILL ATT FFORT ST: DAVID.

Srs:

As to what you wrote us in yours of ye: 10th: past concerning the Barbarous murther Committed by Native Inhabitants of your place, wee can't think itt adviseable to try 'em for the same, till wee see how this new Nabob Dou'd Cawn will carry himself towards us, wee having this day Dispatch'd Senr: Manuch & Ramapah with a considerable Present to him &ca: in behalfe of this place and yours.

Wee paid your Bill to Mr: Roger Bradyll for 169 Pags: 29 fans: mentioned in that Letter.

As to what wee [. . .] the Enginer wee thought itt had been plain [. . .] no more than that he was return'd [. . .] now he had no leave from us to come [. . .] must be paid by you and charged at former [. . .] having been an addition [. . .] and unnecessary [. . .] place.

Wee are of opinion that the makeing of Demi[ties] and chequered [cloth ought] to be encouraged, by excuseing them from Paying Custome and Dustore, till they are settled some years with you.

Wee received two pair of your Generall Books, K, one pair of wch: shall send to England on the King William.

Wee did hope by this time you would have returned the Parr Recovery Laden with Bales to us, which wee desire you to hasten what you can, and as any safe oppertunity presents, send what you have ready hither, for that we hourly expect the King William, to whom wee must give a quick dispatch.

Here is now Brimstone to be had, wch: came on the Pearl from Manilha, advise us what you want and wee suply you with it.

Wee have lately been presented wth: two Bills of yours dated the 10th: Instant for Five Thousand Pags: each Payable to your Merchants, whereof you gave us [no advice] wch: is very unmercantile, so order you for the future to charge no bills upon us, but att the same time give us ad[vice] thereof, tho' these two bills wee have paid, fearing the delay till receipt of your advice, might prove prejudiciall to your present Investment.

If there be any greivances that can be remedyed by application to the Nabob, wee desire you forthwith to acquaint us wth: them that so wee may write to our people.

[. . .] informed that Ensigne Reay has behaved himself [. .] his superior officer Capt: Kugonin for which [. . .] have checked him and afterwards if he per[sist] severely punished him, and if wee hear any more [. . .] order him a punishment from hence.

[. . .] was wrote before wee received yours of the [. . .] Instant.

The [. . .] Negapatam Pags: was the mistake of the Conicoply, who was ordered to put up none but Tevenapatam, nor did wee hear till now, but that Negapatam Pags: were as Currant with you as any other.

We have paid your Bill of Pags: 470 : 29 to the President.

Wee perceive the number of your bales rise very slow, and 'tis now high time to think of Embaleing Longcloth and salampores brown Ordinary, and lett all imaginable care be taken to be so packed as to make good stowage.

The prizes of the Dimities and chequer'd cloth are so much risen since you formerly wrote us, that wee can't see it worth while to meddle with them.

One Candy of Bees wax wee'l send you by the first Boate.

Pray hasten your bales to us and send the Goods that our merchants have lyeing there. Wee are

Srs:

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No: 6.

[FORT ST. GEORGE] 31ST: JANUARY 1700/1.

To WILLIAM FRAISER ESQR:
DEP: GOVERNR: &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

Srs:

[. . .] letters of the 28th: Inst: this afternoon, and since the [. . .] can carry no more than 160 bales, wee wonder you did [n't] Dispatch her to us long ere this.

[Wee] here send you ship Thankfull, who wee beleive will carry near four hundred bales, wee desire you forthwith to Lade her and Dispatch her to us.

Wee wonder att your indiscretion to think of sending your midleing Longcloth browne home and by what you write, wee fear you have kept itt browne for Conveniance of Package, and sent the Ordinary to washing.

Wee don't find that you have sent our merchants Goods by this Vessell, of which you have been so often wrote to about, wee Conclude this & order you to send hither all your Bales with all possible expedition and are

Srs:

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No: 7.

FORT ST: GEORGE, 3D: FEBR: 1700/1.

To WILLIAM FRAISER ESQUIRE,
DEP: GOVERNOUR &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

Srs:

The Parr Recovery arrived here yester[day] in the afternoon and this Day wee are unloading of her [. . .] observe you have sent a great deal midleing [Longcloth] little ordinary.

[. . .] sailled yesterday for your Port, the wind hav[e been . . .] tollerable fair ever since, so hope shee'l be soon [. . .] wee must desire you to give her as quick a Dis[patch as] possible to us, who wee beleive will take in about [. . .] bales thô wee expect not less than 600 bales includeing the 160 [already] received.

Our Merchants says that their Gomaster has not sent all their Goods, pray send for him and reward him for his Carelessness.

Last night Senr: Manuch and Ramapah return'd from the Camp, who have been treated very scurvily by the Nabob, giveing 'em ill language and Dismissed

'em wth: out a Tasheriff, and in plain termes tells them, that his Employ cost a great deall of money att Court and he expects good part of itt from us, not speaking less than one hundred thousand Pag^{s}: The business of Seliam Cawn still sticks in his stomack, and if he has an oppertunity he will certainly revenge itt, he is makeing great preparations for a march, but wither is uncertain, and he may as well clap in upon you or us as anywhere else, therefore itt is very requisite that wee be upon our guard and make all manner of preparation accordingly. If he comes near you, be sure send no Englishman to him, if any body, and if he seems to expect or Demand a Present, tell him that Chinapatam has done itt for you and us to, haveing given him and his officers near 3000 Pag^{s}: he gives out that he is going for Tanjore and so to Porto Novo, your Place and Polichery and afterwards to S^{t}: Thoma, you must bee sure to keep good lookeing out upon the roads to prevent surprise and we will order our spyes to write you frequently.

Hasten your goods hither, for its high time this ship was Dispatched.

Your two [Bills one] hundred Pag^{s}: and other for seventy two [. . .] paid. We are

S^{rs}:

Your affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^{o}: 8.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 7TH: FEB^{Y}: [1700/1.]

TO RICHARD WATTS ESQ^{R}:
DEP: GOVERNOUR &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT YORK FORT.

S^{rs}:

It being uncertain whether this ship will call att your Port, is the reason wee don't give you a plenary answer to all your letters received by the Tha[nk]-full Cap^{t}: Phrip Commander, who tho' you would load wth: Pepper, yett you did us with Bills, to the most extra[va]gant Summ as ever was heard of to be drawne from any subordinate ffactory, those from [T]ryamong & your place amounting to no less than Ryalls 23,616 : 1 : 1½ which were paid and the reason you give for not Ladeing that ship wth: Pepper is so insufficient, that certainly you could[n't] think wee wou[ld] Brook itt. Wee know itt is the Comp^{s}: order to keep 200 To[ns] there for their use, for w^{ch}: this was likewise intended, and you yourselves say that you heard y^{e}: Madrass merchant was comeing to you from England, and so you know that the Comp^{a}: never sends a ship for Pepper, but always [. . .] her value to Lade her home. You also advise that the Country abounded in Pepper, that the greatest Crop of the year was approaching, that the ship could for her la[. . .]ing four months without a penny charge to the Company further that you had upward of five hundred Bahar [. . .] yet all this could not prevaile with you to set [. . .] ship's Loadeing, what construction to put upon this [. . .] of yours, wee have not yett resolved on, whether Ignorance [or sloth] fullness or what else, and let it be what itt will that occas[sion'd this] must say that no men of a graine of sence [would have] done the like.

Your cheif and second well know how heavy the Ton[nage] us'd to lye on us here, and what a hardship itt is upon the owners [of] ship to load hence without Pepper besides [had] you laded her [. . .] w^{d}: have been att this time, [. . .] would have been a great credit [. . .] as well as advantage to y^{e}: Comp^{a}: and no breach of the Comp^{s}: [order] since you had soo fair a prospect of procureing the Madras Mer[chants] Cargoe, so as to Dispatch

her in due time, therefore if this ship [Ruby] comes to your port (on which is M^{r}: Edward Barkham Supra Cargoe) Wee order and require you to Lade her wth: Pepper for this Place if Possibly you can, and embrace all oppertunitys to send what pepper you can hither, when itt do's not render you uncapable of your being in due time supplyed wth: that quantity the Comp^{a}: order you to keep by you.

The Comp^{a}: have given us leave to buy a Vessell for your Coast, which we shall doe as soon as wee meet with one proper for itt, and send you supplys by her or any bound to your Port.

What pepper you Lade, must be att sixteen p^{r}: cent to be paid here according to the currant price of pepper. Wee are

S^{rs}:
Your affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^{o}: 9.

To WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}:
DEP: GOVERNOUR &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

S^{rs}:

Yours of the 7th: Inst: wee received att six this morning.

Wee beleive that our ordinary Longcloth browne will do us well for Dying into Colours as the midleing which stands [. . .] much more.

Wee desire [you to hasten] the Thankful [to us] but lett her bring all [. . .]you have ready hope[ing]she'l be able to take in[four hun]dred, but if there be more [than] she can carry, you [may send] them in open boats, tho what [. . .] so send lett them be [. . .].

[. . .] resolution of Dispatching King William on the [. . .], therefore faille not of send[ing] what Goods you possibly can gett ready, that so she may get home a full ship.

Wee give M^{r}: Cranwell leave to come hither on the Than[k]full. Wee are

S^{rs}:
Your affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Fort S^{t}: George 9th: Feb^{ry}: 1700/1.

N^{o}: 10.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 14TH: FEB^{RY}: 1700/1.

To M^{R}: JOHN FOQUEET CHEIFE
&C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

We have sent upon this sloop S^{t}: Anto[nis] for you and Madapollam, ffactors provisions as p^{r}: inclosed invoice and Bill Ladeing, being informed you are in great want thereof, but att the same time we think itt is more than you deserve, having received no manner of satisfaction from your management of this years Investment in veiwing the Goods, we find them excessive bad and [. . .]

the worst that ever came since the last settlement of [. . .] after the Dispatch of the King William, wee shall write you att large and take such proper methods as to prevent [the like] for the future. Wee are

S^rs^:

Your affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVEREL.

N°: 11.

[Received] a Paper Dated the 25th: past from Mr: John Pitt [att Metchlepatam] wth: Copys of papers to our Comps: Cheif there, [and at] Madapollam as also a Copy of a Consulls Commission [. . .] to the usuall fform, said to be fresh by ye: Tank[erville . . .] having Compar'd itt to what you sent hither former[ly it is] verbatim the same, unless it be an adition[al] clause empowering Mr: John Pitt the successive Cheif to give Pasports to any of the natives shipping if they request itt, but not a word that they shall be obliged to take his Passes or any else nor can wee think that those Commissions were Granted with any intent to affect our masters concerns in these parts, nor can itt be supposed one that was but their ffactor the other Day, either for his abillity or Disaffection to our Comps: Interest, of which he has given large Demonstration, will or can promote their Good, in preserving their privilledges, when he can purchase none for his masters, not as much as leave to build a slight wall about a Dwelling House, and by what has past, wee know that your pride and ambition was such, that you expected to have bore all downe before you, when had you consider'd that 'twas as probable that the minutest star in the firmament should Eclipse the Sun, for such is the Dispropotion of our masters Circumstances and yours in these parts, who have not a Cottage that you can call your own, whereas ours are Lords, proprietors of Forts, Castles, Cittys, Townes, Villeges, and under their Command some hundred thousands of People, which are daily encreassing, and this is not unknown to you nor to many of your Employers, wch: should have putt you upon procureing the kings Order to ye: Governour and Presidents here, or our masters orders to us to have subjected the Direction of their Affairs to you the new Comps: President, till when wee shall as wee formerly wrote you not permitt you to intermedle wth: our affairs in any respects whatever, assureing [you that] whatever our Deportment has been to you tho' better [than you] ved, you'l find us the same without the walls a[s within] and not to spend more time in answering your [. . .]ous papers, wee againe tell you, that whereas you [have har]bour'd a servant of our master who has wronged them in [many] respects, whose person has been demanded of you which [you] refusing to deliver up, wee have resolved to use all means to wrest him from you by applycation to the Governmt: or otherwise and if any ill Concequences attend itt, we charge itt on you, and to returne your advice of which you are so liberall, we think your time might be much better spent than in encourageing and Protecting Fellows of which wee have unquestionable proofe against Wooleston: Given under our hands, and the Rt: Honble: Company's seal, dated in Fort St: George, in the City of Madrass this 20th: day of February 1700/1.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO MR: JOHN PITT &CA: COUNCILL
FOR THE NEW ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP : AFFAIRS
ATT METCHLEPATAM.

No : 12.

Fort St : George 3D : March 1700/1.

To William Fraiser Esqr :
Dep : Governour &ca : Councill att Fort St : David.

Srs :

The Presidt : read to us a clause in his particular Letter of the 28th : past, wherein your Dep : Governour advices the aproach of Seliam Cawn with a body of horse near your place, and desire our orders for cutting downe Gardens, wch : lye so near the Fort as to incommode it, and convenient to lodge an Enemy, and Erect Batteries without being discovered, so not knowing the exact distance the Gardens are from the Fort, wee can give no orders therein, but must leave itt to [the] discretion of you the Dep : Governour and Councill, but [with all], in such cases that you Consult the Captains of the millitary des [. . .]y be cutt downe, itt may be out of necessity and no [injustice] or prejudice to any of the proprieties thereof.

If we have any Mortar shells of the Diameter you mention wee will send them in a day or two by the Madra [ss Pinnace] with some Brimstone and Planks for Carriages which wee desire you to returne loading with Bales [she] being able to carry about 60 or seventy, and hasten the getting in of the remains of your Investments. Wee shall in few days send you an answer to all ye : Letters and are.

Srs :
Your affectionate Freinds.
Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

No : 13.

Fort St : George 6th : March 1700/1.

To William Fraiser Esqr :
Dep : Governour &ca : Councill att Fort St : David.

Srs :

We received yours of the 14th : February, and by the Thankfull who arrived here the 17th : wee received three hundred and eight bales, the Invoice whereof came overland afterwards amots : to Pags : 20,842 : 33 : 3 : Wee took some of the bales ashore to veiw them, and found your brown salampores and Longcloth very ordinary in respect to ours here, as also your Succutoms, and thô your orringall Betteelas are tollerable, yett still they are not comparable to those sent hence, and our Judgment is, that upon your whole Investmt : your goods are att least 15 ℔ cent dearer than ours here, with regard to the goodness and Prices, which seemes strange to us, your place being better scittuated for makeing all those sorts of goods, Wee desire and order that scrutiny be made what is the occasion of itt, and that it may be remedied for the future.

Wee [received] Consultation Book and Diary which was sent [. . .] but comeing soo late, wee had not time to peruse [and so] desire you forthwith to send us Copy thereof.

The [. . .] [you] mention employed by Doud Cawn to raise soldiers, [. . .] aware of him, and ordered one of our Portyguez to [list him] self with him to observe what hee did, who is able to raise but 3 or 4 men, for that ours went wth : him as farr as the Mount in his way to the Camp, and there left him ; our advices from the spyes as also the Gennerall report is, that Dowd Cawn will come to St : [Thomé] and Seliam Cawne to your place, we

cannot imagine att their Disgust w^th^ : us, unless it is occasioned by what former [ly had] past with Seliam Cawne att your place, and that wee do[n't] [. .] give Dowd Cawne as much as his predecessor had, our [Present] now having been three times more than the French & Dutch have given.

Wee received yours of the 4th: Instant this morning, and shall pay the two bills mentioned therein amounting to Five thousand Pags: when Presented.

Wee have sent you Plank for Carriages on the Madrass Pinnace, and shall send you a further supply thereof as soon as procurable, for you ought to have stores of Carriages, axell Trees and Trucks in case accidents shou[ld] happen when you come to action.

Your saltpetre wee suppose is the same as wee have here, and wee find the same inconveniency as you mentioned, but wee hope for the future t'will be remedied by the Gentlemen in Bengall.

There is great reason to fear that Seliam Cawn will give your place trouble, so wish the [Peiques] among you do not weaken your defence, in your next Gennerall [. . .] write us whether you have complyed wth: what we formerly ordered about Capt: Hygonin and what reason you had [. . .] his two servts: out of the Company, who were as [. . .] service as any of the black Portuguez you before [entertai]ned, and you never answered us, whether you had [forwarded] our orders about Reay, who behaved himself soo im[pudent] and saucy to his Captaine, wee would also [have you] incourage Mocdum[Nina], who in former time[had given]large demonstration of his faithfullness to the Compas: Interest.

Mr: Cranwell returnes to you on the Madras [Pinnace], whom wee order to be one of the Justices of Tevenapatm: Choultry and storekeeper Independant from the Paymaster.

Your Pacquett to the Company was forwarded on the King William, who wee dispatched the 24th: past and sailed the 25th: about midnight her Cargo amounting to Pags: 1606040: 14: 2 she having on board her 1,800 bales on the Comps: accot:

Wee are
Srs:
Your: affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No: 14.

FORT ST: GEORGE 8TH: MARCH 1700/1.

TO THE HONBLE: JOHN BEARD ESQR.
PRESIDT: &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT WILLIAM IN CALCUTTA.

Srs:

Wee received yours of the 13th: November ℘ Parr Recovery who arrived here the second of Decembr: yours of the 28th: Novembr: ℘ King William, and 17th: and 19: Decembr: ℘ ship Ruby wee received 22d: January, they both arriving that Day, and ℘ ship Ffame of the 6th: January we received the 28 Ditto, unto all which wee here give the necessary answers.

To yours of the 13 November, wherein you acquaint us of the arrivall of the King William, and yt: [. . .] towards us with her Kentilage stores &ca: according [. . .] which wee doubted not your Complyance, but upon [. . .] here wee found you had laden no more than [11 of salt] Petre, which was no small surprize to us besides [a great dis]appointment to us, in so much that itt renders us uncapable of sending our masters a Septembr: ship, Wee having now by us [no more] than 453 bags which is bare[ly]

store enough for our Garrison wee can't imagine what occasion'd this mistake, Wee send[ing] you with the ship her charterparty, wherein her Kintlage is mentioned, and the 1,000 bags, wee desired more, was in our list of stores.

The Expedient wee propose to retreive the Error is, that you'l exchange a ship with us of about 400 Tuns and send us up in August the first that arrives of that burthen with her full Kentlage of petre and att least 1500 bags for store, and wee will send you a ship of ours of the same burthen as near as wee can.

Here was no ship bound hence to your port in January, otherwise would have sent you some red wood, which shall not omitt to doe by the first oppertunity.

With yours of the 28th: Novr: pr: King William wee received Invoice and bill Ladeing & papers as ℘ list also the stores you mentioned to have sent by her, thô much short of what wee desired, which defect wee desire you to suply by makeing up the full quantity by the first ship that comes to this port if procurable.

To yours of the 17th: & 19th: Decembr: Wee observe what you write in the former about coining part of your stock here into Rupees, wch: shall be complyed, with, if an [early] ship of yours call here, and your pacquet shall be forwarded by a Country ship as you desire.

The Fame sailled hence the 8th: February on whom wee loaded 124 bales amounting to Pags: 4,082 : 15 : 2 Which with some private trade she tooke in, made [her] a full ship. Our Masters orders to us are that wee shall [load] no more than the Charterparty proportion of saltpetre [. . .] itt be requested by the Commander in writeing [. . .] it is to pay freight but 10£ ℘ Ton and accordingly [. . .] Laden 570 bags on the King William more than her Ken—[tilage] of which you sent short 850 bags by her, wch: we made up here, wee dispatched her on the 24th: past and she sailled the 25th : att night, having Laden on her 1,800 bales, [her] Invoice amounting to Pags: 1,60,640. We did hope to have given her a sooner Dispatch, but that wee were disapointed in the number of bales from the northern ffactorys.

Wee have enquired of Mr: Griffith about what you write of his having 500 Rupees of Deceased John Plumbs, who denys itt and says that he never had anything to do wth: him.

We here inclose a paper containing the differences in accounts between us in our last Books, which wee desire may be adjusted.

Wee also inclose Copys of such papers wee have lately received from Surat, wth: the Printed Act of Parliament for incorporateing our masters, whereto please to be refered. Wee are

Srs:

Your humble Servants
Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

List of Fort St : George [Pacquetts to] Bengall Vizt :

No: 1. Generall Letter Dated 8th: March 1700/1.

2. Differences accots : between us and Bengall in Books SS ending Aprill 1700.

3. Copy Paragraphs of Surat General letter to Fort St: George Dated 3 December 1700.

4. Copy of Sr : John Gayers Letter to Fort St: George Dated ye: 4th: Decebr: 1700—.

5. Copy of Paragraphs of Surat Generall Letter to Fort St : George Dated ye: 31st Decr: 1700—.

6. Copy of Sr: Nicholas Waits Letter to the Generall with two Clauses of the Embassadrs: Sr: William Norris to the former Datd: ye: 26 December 1700.

7. Copy of the Generalls Answer to Sr: Nicholas Waits & a Discourse by the Latter to Mr: Mildmay and Cox the 30th: & 31st: of Decembr: 1700.

8. Printed act of Parliament for incorporateing our masters.

9. List of the Pacquet.

No: 15.

To Mr: JOHN FOQUETT CHEIF &ca:
COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

FORT St: GEORGE 12th: MARCH 1700/1.

Srs:

Wee wrote you last the 14 past by St: Anthon[io] and here give you full answer to yours of the 15th: January 23 Ditto and 4th: February, which had been sooner done, but that wee have been very buisie in dispatching the King William who sailed for England the 25th: past att night, on which was Laden 1,800 bales her Cargoe amounting to Pags: 160,640 : 14 : 2 [.]

2. To yours of the 15th: January by the King William on wch: ship wee received seventy seven bales, but in such Confusion, for want of sorting, washing, measuring &ca [. . .] if ever the like againe be practiced, but it be by whom it will [. . .] & shall be im[mediately] discharged [. . .] can [. . .] how you spend your time, having had five [months . . .] you provided so small a quantity of Bales and [. . .] had better been let alone, than sent us in such a condition as they were, all seeming as you say) to be sorted in the Evening, and you can't but know, that wee have [full] employment for our washers here, as also for our [sorters], all wch: neglect of your Duty proceeds from Carelessness and prodigious slothfullness.

3. On the Brampore chints, you are to abate as you fouud 'em short in measure, which was very impertinentely put upon our decision here, having not one of the Merchts: here to convince 'em by measureing 'em before their face, as you had, wch: Goods were very Coarse and Ordinary in all respects.

4. The Browne cloth as you say that you could not sort, how was wee to do it here when washed having no muster by us. On which you contracted wth: the merchants, so have been forced to do all that by guess by Compareing it wth: our cloth here.

5. As for the two bales of saucergunty Ramalls No. 3 you were as able to compare 'em with No: 2 as wee were here, and had as much leisure to do itt.

6. And as to washing your Longcloth you must be directed in that by what formerly has been done, wee paying here no more than Pags: 1·10 ₱ Corge.

7. Wee were not little surprised to see such a number of Golcondah Beetteelas, against wch: we so often cautioned you, and must tell you that upon opening 'em, they were the worst that ever wee saw in this place, wee compareing 'em wth: those of Mr: Lovells, wch: were att least 25 pr: cent better, besides there ought to be [. . .] more than [. . .] of such Goods in a bale, which is a suitabe La [. . .] in England.

8. To your [. . .] January wherein you say you forgott to tell us [that] the sheets were wanting in Lengths & breadths, and wee also say that they were wanting in Goodness, for they are the worst that ever we saw.

9. 'Twas not reasonable to expect that Capt: Bradyll should have tarried longer with you, and for your Merchts: to complaine of shortness of time, is frivilous, considering the amount of their Contract and the number of Golcondah Betteelas they have put upon you, and the great prizes they have for all their other Goods, our fine Longcloth being very little inferior to yours, wch: cost the Company twenty five Pags ₱ Corge and all your other Goods are likewise very dear.

10. Your Merchants were told from the first comeing of Mr: Lovell, that they must pay Dustore, and Narraine says that though they made exceptious, yet still

they were told it must be paid, therefore charge 'em w[th]: itt and give the Comp[a]: Credit in their Books.

11. Wee received your account of Expences acc[ot]: Cash, Diarys & Consultations, and wee would have you consider, whether such management of yours in this Inv[estment] will bear such an Extravagant charge.

12. Wee paid y[e]: Bill of Pag[s]: 471 : 3 : 3 payable to the Presid[t]:

13. Wee do possitively Order that whenever an Oppertunity presents, that you seiz Wolleston as he is a Debtor to our Comp[a]: and secure him in our ffactory till you have an Oppertunity to send him hither, and in this matter or any else, y[t]: you give no regard to M[r]: John Pitt his person, Powers or orders but wee would have you [. . .] thô if itt should happen, M[r]: John Pitt is the Occa [. . .]

14. By the two clauses in your Letter, wee observe the Bickerings amongst you, in w[ch]: wee believe you have spent more time than in looking after the Comp[s]: [Inv]estment as you ought to do.

15. To yours of the 4[th]: past, w[ch]: wee received w[th]: the papers sent you by M[r]: John Pitt, our reply to w[ch]: wee here send you to be delivered in the manner he sent you his to us.

16. Wee observe what has happened between you and the Dutch Cheife about your merch[ts]: and what you charge the Dutch cheif w[th]: we find by the papers inclosed he denys itt, and begs pardon for what is past, which business wee would have you make up, though w[th]: a regard to your own Creditt and your Merchants, and by all means avoid quarrelling with your neighbours and also w[th]: one another, the fruits of w[ch]: has always been prejeduciall to y[e]: Comp[s]: affairs, and never produced better than such Investments you last sent us.

17. Wee do observe what you write about M[r]: Hillier, w[ch]: clause you ought to have show'd him, so to have taken his answer in writeing and sent 'em together, for that we have had no Letter to us from him about it, only what he writes the Presid[t]: in w[ch]: he denys all you affirm of him: hee complains that M[rs]: Foquet treats his wife ill, and tells her they were sent downe upon [. . .] both those women are old enough to understand better and for the future, if any women of Comp[s]: affairs or [. . .] troublesome in the factory, we shall give our possitive orders to turn 'em out, therefore expect to hear in answer to the [. . .] that all differences are accommodated amongst yourselves.

18. Wee talk [. . .] of the frivilous proposalls of the Governours [. . .] Wooleston, Do you continue your endeavours [. . .] him and put them to what trouble and charge you can.

19. Wee hear that M[r]: Rowland by his Excessive drinking has rendred himself uncapable of Comp[s]: service, who wee would have sent up hither by the first Oppertunity, in order to his being sent to England by the next ship.

20. Wee here inclose one of your Invoices of the Goods sent ℘ King William, in which wee have fill[ed] up the Blanks, but those prices wee wish may not occasion grumbling amongst your merch[ts]: and if itt do's it lyes att your doors, wee would have you adjust your acc[ts]: with all possible speed with your merch[ts]: in order to proceed on a new Contract for the September ship, in w[ch] wee will not have a p[s]: of chint or chey Goods, nor a p[s]: of Golcondah Betteelas, and for your Instructions, would have you peruse the List of Goods wee sent you w[th]: our letter Dated the 4[th]: of October last, and keep close to itt, the amount wee would have agreed for, att your place and Maddapollam is Twenty five Thousand Pag[s]: which Goods wee desire you to take care to gett in with all possible speed, and not delay it till the last day, as you have lately done, and wee will send you a supply of about six thousand Pag[s]: for the Present, and the remainder on the arrivall of the first ship from Europe, [which] wee expect to be very early.

21. Wee hear that the new Comp[as]: people [. . .] ordinary Longcloth, of w[ch]: desire you to gett two or 3 Coveds [. . .] of each sorts and the prises thereof, wee expect to be adv[ised of] the number of Bales ship'd on the Tankerville and [the] particulars of them. Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N° : 16.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 12[TH]: MARCH 1700/1.

TO M[R]: STEPHEN FREWEN CHEIFE &C[A]:
COUNCILL ATT MADDAPOLLAM.

S[rs]:

Wee received both yours of y[e]: 11[th]: & 29[th]: Jan[ry]: last, wherein you say that you could not gett bills of Exchang[e] on us under two ℔cent which the Merchants are better able to allow than the Comp[a]: for that your Goods this year come out very bad and dear, which with the vast charge you put them too in your manner of Liveing, tis impossible for the Company to see the prime cost.

Wee received in the Letter from Metchlep[m]: your Invoice for 52 bales ship'd on board the King William amounting to Pag[s]: 9291 : 15 : 2 of w[ch]: there was 16 bales of brown cloth, w[ch]: certainly had you been dilligent in calling on your merch[ts]: you might have gott washed, & not have sent 'em hither to hinder us, considering the few Bales you provided, wee also received Copys of your Diary Paymaster (as you call it) and stewards acc[ts]: upon w[ch]: wee would have you consider whether so small an Investment as you make, can bear so great a charge.

Wee received the seven Timbers, & wish you had sent us the Door and window frames w[th]: them.

Wee observe what cloth you have remaining in your hands, and itt seems strange since you sent so few Bales (and 16 of them brown too) that you could not gett them washed, all w[ch]: has obstructed us very much in our buisiness.

Wee have [wrote] the Cheife and Councill att Metchlepatam about [your inv]estment, w[ch]: they will impart to you, with our re[. . .] ntments of your last. Wee are

Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N° : 17.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 12[TH]: MARCH 1700/1.

TO M[R]: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIFE &C[A]: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S[rs]:

Wee received yours of the 10 & 27 Decemb[r]: 7 & 11 Jan[ry]: w[ch]: we had sooner answered, but that wee have been very buisie in dispatching the King

William, who [sailed] the 25th: att night of last month, on wch: we laded 1800 bales, her Cargo amounting to Pags: 160640: 14: 2.

To yours of the 10th: Decembr: in wch: you write us of the suddaine revolution in your parts, from wch: wee refer, that wee must expect but few Bales, and but a small part of the great remaines, wch: has been so many years in your merchts: hands, wch: is a very great disapointment to us, not only in regard of the want of Bales wee were in fear of to fi[ll]up the King William, but that wee gave the Compa: in our former Letters assurances that you would clear your Merchts: Debt by the returne of this ship, and how wee shall salve the brea[ch] of that promise to 'em we can't imagine, for that of a resolution of the Country will be as unsatisfactory an answer to them as itt is to us here.

To yours of 27 Decembr: wch: wee received [by] the King William wth: Bill Ladeing & Invoice for but 152 [bales] amounting to Pags: 8989: 9: 4 wch: is farr short in number [. . .] value of what you promised and wee expected and [. . .] bestird ourselves here to fill'd up the ship our ma[sters] would have suffered very much in their Interest and Credit.

Wee received your Generall Books R, wch: wee order henceforward to be sent us in the month Sepbr: and not deferred as they have been of late, having not had time to peruse 'em before the Dispatch of the ship.

To yours of the 7th: Janry: pr: ship Dorothy in wch: was received Bill Ladeing & Invoice for 38 bales Laden on her amounting to Pags: 2918: 15: 3.

Wee opened here severall of your Bales, & find your Goods come out very Indifferently well, and wish that those striped Betteelas had been with variety of stripes, as also finer, wch: if you could bring 'em to make, as likewise the plain they would turn to a much better account, but we would never have you pack more than 100 ps: in a bale.

Wee think it the Comps: advantage, that you send up the Betteelas brown in time to be washed here, unles[s] you can bring 'em to wash better than they have of late at your place, but your longcloth & sallampores wee desire you to gett well washed, for brown is but bad Tonnage, besides yours was so ill packed this year, that they were loose in the bales wch: is a great prejudice to the Cloth.

Wee here send you ffactors stores as ℔ Invoice Inclosed, wth: Ten Candy of Gunpowder, and we cant but wonder that you should write for money for your Expences, when you have such large arrears in your hands, and for the two Kestees you are in arrears to the Nabob, we do not understand the meaning of it, and for the repairing of the ffactory, wee shall deferr giving our orders untill wee speak with Mr: Owen to whom you have referrd us.

To you [. . .]th: January, in wch: you advise that since yours by [. . .] you had received two thousand Pags: of Goods, [and hope] Long ere this, you have gott in to a farr greater amount.

As wee have mentioned before, the Disapointment wee have mett with from your place, have given us a great deal of care, and have caused us to come to this resolution, that wee'l send you no more money, till the Merchts: have cleared their accounts, wch: we expect to be fully complyed wth: by the September ship, or otherwise wee must withdraw the ffactory, or take some other methods.

Upon opening the Broadcloth and Perpetuano's you returned us ℔ ship Howland, wee find torn off from the fag ends, some one, two and 3 yards wch: wee believe must be the roguery of your warehouse Conicoply or Braminy, therefore order you to examine strictly into this matter.

26 March 1701.

Since the foregoing (wch: has laine ready for a Conveyance) wee have received both yours of the 25th: & 26th: ffebruary last wth: the inclosed papers wch: wee shall fully answer by our next, adding only at present, that wee gladly observe the good step you have made towards your merchts: Debt, and the Country about you being now setled, w[e]hope you'l intirely get in the old arrears, but for

a further supply of money, we have not much to spare, and that little wee think not advisable to send by that Boat, the Aprill moonson rendring itt hazardous.

We are
Srs :
Your Very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMs : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No : 18.

To MR : JOHN FOQ[UETT] &CA : FORT ST : GEORGE 14TH : MARCH 1700/1.
COUNCILL ATT METCH[LEPAT]AM.

Srs :

Since the closure of ours of the 12th : Instant wee have received yours of the 5th : Ditto.

If Wooleston be delivered you up, you must confine him to the ffactory, unless he will give you his Bond & security to come by Land or by ye : first ship and adjust his accounts with us.

Narrains Vessell will sail hence to your Port in few days, on wch : wee will send you money. Wee are

Srs :
Your Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No : 19.

FORT ST : GEORGE PMO : APRILL 1701.

To WILLIAM FRAISER ESQR :
DEP : GOVERN : &CA :
COUNCILL ATT FORT ST : DAVID.

Srs :

Wee have received yours of the 11th : past wth : the papers inclosed, the purport of wch : being the Opinion of some of your Officers concerning the inconvenient scittuation of the Gardens near the Fort, for wch : wee should have had a greater value, had wee seen Capt : Hugonins name to that paper, who wee are of opinion, is a better Judge of those matters than any that have signed it, as having been oftener in action and seen great Variety of Fortifications. Wee do still [. . .] what wee formerly wrote about cutting downe the [gardens], leaving itt intirely to the discretion of Dep : Governor and Councill, desireing that your two Lieutenants be consulted thereon.

By the papers of Bollogees and some sent the President lately in a private Letter by your Dep : Govr : wee have reason to fear that Bollogee is contriving to draw you into treat wth : Dowd Cawne, wch : will be a thing of pernicious Concequence, therefore wee order you to avoid itt, for that wee have given the usuall present, and resolve to part wth : no more, wee are advised the Nabob continues Belching out Threats against this place and yours, wch : wee Tacitly defie resolving to stand the upshod, being upon our Guard and keeping spyes to observe his

motion, who wee hear is march'd towards Vellore and intends afterwards for Chelly Naiques Country and so to Porto Novo: and downe the Coast to S[t]: Thom[a]. The President has ordered the spy Braminies hence to advise you of all that happens att the Comp, so would desire you to keep yourselves in a very good posture of defence, and with all speed that you would cloath your soldiers, wee hearing that they are in such a ragged condition, that it is a discredit to the Nation in Gennerall, and the Comp[a]: in particular, and what wee more wonder att, is that wee hear there has been many months ago money stopt out of their pay for cloathing 'em, yet nevertheless not one to this day. Wee would have you persue the method that is taken here, w[ch]: is that the warehousekeeper by an Order of Councill delivers out the Cloth to the Paymaster att Invoice price, This wee desire may be done w[th]: all immaginable expedition, for there is nothing that makes soldiers more formidable to Veiw than Good arms and Cloaths.

You wrote hither some time past [for] some mortar shells of 13 inches Diameter we have none [. . .] seven, w[ch]: are the size of yours, so if you have [occasion] must winde about w[th]: rope and other things to make [them] fitt the mortar.

Here are three Englishmen soldiers come hither, w[ch]: left your Garrison last month, who shall be punished as Deserters, though for the future, wee would have you give leave for any men that had served you two years, to come and serve here, giveing notice beforehand, that wee may send you men in Exchange for them.

Wee here inclose a Petition from Europe recd concerning a Debt owing from William Hobey, w[ch]: wee desire may be received of him and remitted hither. Wee are

S[rs]:

Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 20.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 15[TH]: APRILL 1701.

TO THE HON[BLE]: STEPHEN COLT ESQ[R]:
PRESDENT &C[A]:
COUNCILL ATT SURATT.

S[rs]:

Yours of the 22[d]: November wee received y[e]: 24[th]: January, and that of the 5[d]: December the 27[th]: February and the last of December the p[mo]: March.

To that of the 22[d]: Novem[br]: w[ch]: imports nothing but a difference that has happened here between the Armenians, who has stook at nothing to asperse one another, the ill concequences of w[ch]: wee are apt to beleive will effect their freinds in Persia, there having amongst them been some reflections made upon the injustice done by the King of that Country.

To your [. . .] December wee received the papers w[ch]: accompany [this] Letter, and observe the management of S[r]: Nicholas, [who] wee hope before this is convinced that the Dead man is alive againe.

To yours of the 31[st]: December, w[ch]: advices the arrivall of S[r]: William Norris and what happened concerning the Generalls flag, w[ch]: was unlucky to have itt struck att that time, though t'was retreived by hoisting itt afterwards.

Wee observe the entrance made by S[r]: W[m]: Norris, and if he was att that reall expence you mention, wee hope you advised it to Court from w[ch]: the great men there will most certainly take their measures and expects not less than 20 times as much.

The Generalls answer is putt to S^{r}: Nicholas Summons, only he should have added how wonderfull it is to see the race of a Regicide so Vigorously espouse the power of Kings.

The Paper concerning the Acheen Priviledges wee received, and shall endeavour to make the most of itt by the first ship that goes thither, and use all means imaginable to prevent the new Comp^{as}: building an Interest upon our foundation.

The 8th: Instant arrived here the Advice frigott Cap^{t}: Redherd Commander, who brought us the Right Hon^{ble}: Companys Letter of the 18th: and 25th: June last, though the ship sailed not of the Downes till about the 10th: July, [meet] ing with a misfortune of the Boat being oversett with the Pacquett, w^{ch}: obliged them to returne with itt to London, so that all or most of y^{e}: Letters were washed to peices, w^{ch}: occasions few private Letters by this ship. The Company write us that the Martha Cap^{t}: Raynes sailed out of the Downes for your Coast the 15th: June, who wee hope is arrived Long before this. [They] have altered their resolution of sending D^{r}: Dav[enant's for] reasons we suppose given you by that ship, by w^{ch}: wee doubt not but you'l likewise be advised of the perfidiousness of Cap^{t}: Heath and Cap^{t}: Lashly, the Latter being prevailled upon by the other to inform the new Comp^{a}: of what Diamonds & private trade he had on board his ship Neptune who seized for the five ℘cent for w^{ch}: our Masters stood a Tryall in the Exchequeer and cast them, all the Judges declareing that they did not take the Tradeing of our masters servants within the meaning of the Act, and tis said both Comp^{s}: are prepareing for a Vigorous application to the next sesions of Parliament for an explainatory Act, w^{ch}: we have reason to believe will be in favour of our masters.

This ship touched att S^{t}: Helena and came thence in November, the Governour of w^{ch}: place had not the sence to write us what ships of our Comp^{s}: had been there, but by some of the Inhabitants that are come hither wee hear that the Bedford & Hampsheir was there in June, as also the Benjamin, Josia and Sidney, after w^{ch}: some time came in the Norris, Scepter and Fredereek who all wintred att Mauritius.

This ship has brought us his Majesties Commission for the Trying of Pyrates, and an Exemplification of the Act of Parliament for incorporateing our Comp^{a}: richly Embelsh'd.

Wee dispatched the King William the 24th: February with 1,800 bales, her Cargoe amounting to Pag^{s}: 160640.

It is reported here that S^{r}: William Noris is gone up in great state to the Kings Camp, and that he has effectually secured the Interest of Assid Cawne, w^{ch}: wee give little Creditt to, till confirmed by yourselves.

Wee he[rewith send a] Pacquett for the Right Hon^{ble}: Company w^{ch}: wee [desire you] to send forward by the first oppertunity our services to you all. Wee are

Hon^{ble} : S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your most Affectionate Freinds and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^{o}: 21.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 15TH: APRIL 1701.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYER KN^{T}: GENERALL OF INDIA &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

S^{rs}:

Wee received the Generalls Letter Dated 4th: December last from swalley Berr the 27 Feb^{y}: wth: the accompanying Paragraphs of the Right Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Letter p^{r}: the Tavestock dat: the 25th: Aprill 1700, and observe the necessity the Generall had of going thither, and w^{t}: great and effectuall service he did, by procureing y^{e}: restraint of our masters trade to be taken of and their serv^{ts}: sett at liberty w^{ch}: wee hope was attended with the good success of Dispatching their ships as intended.

The King William was Dispatched hence the 24th: Feb^{ry}: last wth: 1800 bales, her Cargoe amounting to 160,640 Pag^{s}:

The Tankervill the new Comp^{s}: ship sail'd from Metchlepatam for England wth: a considerable Cargoe the 16th: of last month.

The Advice frigott Cap^{t}: Redhead Command^{r}: arived here [the 8th] Instant, who brought us the Right [Hon^{ble}:] Companys Letter of the 18th: and the 25th: June last tho[ugh the] ship sayled not out of the Downes till about the 10th: July meeting wth: a misfortune of the boate being oversett wth: the Pacquett, w^{ch}: obliged 'em to returne wth: itt to London, so that all or most of the Letters were washed to peices, w^{ch}: occasions few private Letters by this ship.

The Comp^{a}: write us that the Martha Cap^{t}: Raynes sayled out of the Downes for your Coast the 15th: June, who wee hope is arrived long before this.

They have altered their resolution of sending D^{r}: Davenant, for reasons wee suppose given you by that ship, by w^{ch}: we doubt not but you'l likewise be advised of the perfidiousness of Cap^{t}: Heath & Cap^{t}: Lashly the latter being prevailled upon by the other to inform the new Comp^{a}: of what Diamonds and private trade he had on board his ship Neptune, who seized itt for the 5 ℔ cent, for w^{ch}: our masters stood a Tryall in the Exchequer and cast (?) them all, all the Judges declearing that they did not take the tradeing of our Masters servants within the meaning of the Act, and tis said both Companys are prepareing for a Vigorous application to the next sessions of Parliament for an Explanatory Act, w^{ch}: wee have reason to beleive will be in favour of our masters.

This ship touched att S^{t}: Helena and came thence in November, y^{e}: Governour of w^{ch}: place had not the sence to write us what ships of our Comp^{a}: had been there, but by some of the Inhabitants that are come hither, Wee hear that the Bedford, and Hampsheir was there in June as also the Benjamin, Josia and Sidney, after w^{ch}: some time, came in the Norris, Scepter and Fredereek, who all wintred att Mauritius.

This ship has brought us his majesties Commission for the Trying of Pyrates and an Exemplification of the act of Parliament for incorporating our Com[p^{a}: richly] Embellish'd.

It is re[ported here] that S^{r}: W^{m}: Norris is gone up in great state to the Kings Camp, and that he has Effectually secured the interest of Asid Cawn, w^{ch}: we give little Credit to till Confirmed by yourselves. We are

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 22.

FORT S^T: GEORGE APRIL 19: 1701.

To WILLIAM FRAISER ESQ^R:

DEP: GOVERNOUR &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT S^T: DAVID.

S^rs:

The Dep: Gov^r: letter to us Dated the 2^d: Instant wee received w^th: the 58 bales Laden on board the Madrass Pinnace, who should not have paid anchorage att your port having done itt here, The Comp^s: orders relateing to that matter, shall be [passed] and our interpretation thereof remitted to you.

Your Generall Letter of the 3^d: Ins^t: wee also received w^th: the Invoice and second bill ladeing for the 58 bales by the Madrass pinnace.

You say your Cash is low, w^ch: must be supplyed by bill, for there is no manner of security in sending money Overland and no sending itt to sea till the next new moon is over.

By our spyes wee were also advised, that Doud Cawn was marched towards Chelly naigues Country and having adjusted matters w^th: him, wee heard yesterday that he was gone towards Worriar Pollam w^ch: requires your having a watchfull Eye upon his motion.

You advise that your Cheife Gunner John Twyman is dead, to supply whose place wee can find no fitt person here, We have had application made to us by Wathen and Owen the Gunner of Cuddalore, & the Gunners mate, to both whose abilitys wee are strangers therefore recommend itt to you to prefer him, who is most capable of that employment thô as matters represented to us here, Wathen is the properest person.

Wee received yours of 10^th: Ins^t: w^th: severall annexed Paragraphs from the Cabball att Cuddalore, who seem to sett up for themselves, and beleive had their ugly reflections on the Dep^ty: Gov^r: made any impression on us, so as to have withdrawn him, wee doubt not but there was one of the Gang ready to be proposed to succeed; as wee have and shall never encourage an unbecomeing Deportment of a Dep^ty: Govern^r: towards any of his Councill, so on the other side, wee shall be very far from Countenancing any that Cabball and scrible for scribleing sake against their superiours, which savers of nothing but mutinous, uneasy and revengfull tempers, who to gain their Ends on some would hazard the bringing all into ruin and Confusion, and this is the interpretation wee put upon your Cuddalore Narrative.

And to show our Dislike of such practices, whose consequences tend to no less then the ruine and distraction of the [Comp^s:] affairs, Wee resolve to reduce the Government [of Fort] S^t: Davids to a Dep^ty: Govr^r: and four to be of Councill [. . .] upon receipt of this; Wee dismiss Mess^rs: Farmer Cranwell and Berlue from Councill, and order them to repair hither forthwith.

Wee observe what you write about Cap^t: Hu[g]onins Serv^ts. Where is the prejudice to the Comp^a: to List a Serv[ant] or two of theirs able to doe good service, when every Day you take in tag rag rogues, that you dont know from whence they come, or whether they are good for anything; as wee wrote you formerly you make a misconstruction of the practi[ce] of Fort St. George. Doe you but follow the orders you rece[ive] and there can be no danger of any blame accuring to yourselves.

Wee can give you no other answer than what wee have formerly concerning the Gardens, whether they shall stand or be cutt downe, but leave it wholly to y^e: decission of the Dep^ty: Govern^r: and Councill w^th: the Lieu^ts: adjoyned.

What wee wrote to you about Sunda Bollagee, was what wee infer'd from the Letters of his you sent us, wherein he desired severall things for Presents and acquainted you how desirous Dowd Cawn was to speak w^th: him.

Wee are certaine your Dep^{ty}: Govern^{r}: could not be ignorant of the method of Cloathing the soldiers here, w^{ch}: wee wonder was not follow'd when the money was first collected for that purpose, thô itt has been done here by the Paymaster buying the Cloth att outcry, but of late (w^{ch}: certainly is most propper) it has been delivred out of the Comp^{s}: Godowne att prime Cost.

Wee shall be thinking of some method to reduce [. . .] of your soldiers [equal to ours] here. [It] seems strange that it was not done many years [ago] when the Cause Ceas'd, for w^{ch}: end it was given.

Wee here remitt you what relates to your place in the Comp^{s}: Letter rec^{d}: by the Advice Frigott, wth: a List of what peices wanting in your Bales sent home in the Martha & Neptune, w^{ch}: wee desire you to inquire into, for that the Comp^{a}: will charge it to their acco^{ts}: whose Ticketts were found in the Bale.

Wee are,
S^{rs}:
Your Affectionate Friends
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^{o}: 23.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 19TH: APRIL 1701.

TO WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}:
DEP^{Y}: GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

S^{r}:

Wee received yours of the 11th: Instant, and concerning the exceptions made in the Gen^{ll}: Letter by the convention att Cuddalore, wee have taken Notice in our Generall to which refer you.

If that be true of Cap^{t}: Hugonins makeing those seizures in August & September 1699 he ought to be called to an acco^{t}: for itt, and make sattisfaction to the utmost Penny.

This is a flame of your own kindling, and if you are distroyed in itt, you may thank yourself, which you might eas[ily have] prevented, had you but followed the repeated order [and ad]vice you had from this place.

Your employ is not as yet become [Elec]tive (?) by the Rendevouez att Cuddalore, who instead of getting the Game into their own hands, will be great loosers in the attempting of it. If you have any just remonstrance against any of the four of your Councill, wee are ready to hear itt, being

S^{r}:
Your Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 24.

FORT S^T: GEORGE APRILL 24^TH: 1701.

TO THE HON^BLE: DIRECK COMANS GOVERN^R:
OF NEGAPATAM &C^A: COAST OF CHORMANDELL
. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T: HON^BLE: NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMP^A: ATT SADRASPATAM.

S^R:

I am this Day informed that your Hon^r: is about buying our Comp^s: Factory att Conimere, w^ch: they nor us by their order have given any power to be sold; the house Gardens, Godownes &c^a: settlements there [stand] our comp^a: in above 18,000 Pag^s: w^ch: was possest by [us till] of late years, that the Government there grew troublesome and abusive, and since my comeing to this Government I have wrote to the Governour of that place to withdraw his people out of our ffactory, w^ch: if not done very suddenly wee will [use means] to oblige them to itt, I give your Honour [&c^a:] timely notice, that there may not bee just occasion [for bre]ach of freindship between our nations and the two Comp^s: wee resolveing not to relinquish our Interest nor claime to a settlement so fairly bought and paid for by our Company, as appears by the Cowles & Phirmaunds wee have for the same. I wish your Hon^r: health and prosperity & am.

Hon^ble: S^r:
Your most faithfull & humble Servant.
THOMAS PITT.

N°: 25.

FORT ST: GEORGE APRILL 28^TH: 1701.

TO THE HON^BLE: DIRECK COMANS GOVERN^R:
OF NEGAPATAM &C^A: COAST OF CHORMANDELL FOR
AFFAIRS OF THE R^T: HON^BLE: NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMP^A: ATT SADRASPATAM.

S^r:

I received your hon^rs: most obligeing lett^r: in w^ch: you have desired me to acquaint you w^th: our Comp^s: pretentions to what they have in Conimere, w^ch: is a factory Garden, and their Merch^ts: Godownes, & freedome of trade, in all respects, paying one ℘ cent custome to the Government w^th: severall privileges as by the Cowle granted more plainly appears, w^ch: ffactory wee have thought to resettle very suddenly. I wish your hon^r: health and prosperity and am

Hon^ble: S^r:
Your most faithfull and humble servant.
THOMAS PITT.

N°: 26.

FORT S^T: GEORGE [2]8^TH: APRILL 1701.

TO MOOKDUM NINA ATT CUDDALORE.

I received your Letter and thank you for the concern you seem to have for the Comp^s: prosperity, I am sensible tis not our Interest to have a Difference w^th: Doud Cawn, nor shall I be against a reconcilation, if itt can be done att so small an Expence as you mention, about which wee have writt to the Dep: Governour who will advise with you about itt.

On Doud Cawn's first arrivall at Arcott, wee sent seu^{r}: Manuch & Ramapah to him wth: as handsome a present as has bin given to any Nabob, and I beleive three times as much as the French & Dutch have given him w^{ch}: att first he received well, but afterwards return'd itt, and than sent for itt againe, abuseing your Egyps, demandeing Extravagant Sums, so att last he dismist them he gave a scandalous Tashereiffe but sent no tasherefe nor horse to me as is usuall at such times, w^{ch}: lookt like a disigne he had to affront us in the face of the Country, thô att that very juncture, I was design'd to send him a very fine Persian Mare, w^{ch}: our Egyps mett in their returne and brought her back.

I observe what you write about your Inhabitants deserting; w^{ch}: I wonder att, when they see wee stick at no charge to provide for their defence, you have lived long enough amongst the English to know their temper, who will never suffer money to be Extorted from them, and are seldome or never scared wth: threats nor afraid of blows, and as to what you say, that it may hind[er] our Investments w^{ch}: will be more prejudiciall to his King['s] Coun[try than] to us, & if can make no Investments on the Coast [by not] sending our money to Bengall or Surrat and for what Injuries Doud Cawn may be able to doe us on the shoar, tis an easy matter for us to repay 'em att sea.

I am under apprehensions that this difference between Doud Cawn and us has been occasioned by some of our Inhabitants here tampereing wth: him, and putting him upon itt, w^{ch}: I wish you could learn by the means of Abdell Labby, who wee esteem our freind.

Wee leave this matter to our Depy. Govern^{r}: and you to concert, not doubting but you'l have a due regard to the Comp^{s}: honour and Interest in management thereof I am

Your Assured Friend

Thomas Pitt.

N^{o}: 27.

Fort S^{T}: George 28TH: Aprill 1701.

To William Fraser Esq^{R}:
Dep: Govern^{R}: &c^{A}: Councill att
Fort S^{T}: David.

The President received this morning a Letter from Mockdum Nina, w^{ch}: comes inclosed, and his answer wth: a flying seale for your perusall, by w^{ch}: youle see our inclination to a reconcilement wth: Dowd Cawn, if itt can be done in such easy termes as mentioned in Mocdum Nina's letter, or a sum thereabouts.

Wee likewise here send you a Copy of what has passed between the President & Govern^{r}: Comans concerning Conimere, that so if any of you know anything of that Affaire, pray acquaint us with itt. We are

S^{RS}:
Your Affectionate Freinds

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N°: 28.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 1^{ST}: MAY 1701.

To M^R: JOHN FOQUETT CHEIF
&C^A: COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.
S^{rs}:

Wee received yours of the 30^{th}: March & 12^{th}: Aprill last & in few dayes shall give a plenary answer thereto, wee intending to order a Vessell to call att your port, on w^{ch}: shall send you Ten thousand Pags: of w^{ch}: pray advise 'em att Madapollam.

You may acquaint M^r: Edward Pugden that wee can by no means Discharge him the $Comp^s$: service, unless he makes his personall appearance here, in Order to w^{ch}: you may give him leave to come hither as soon as he pleases. Wee are

S^{rs}:
Your Affectionate Freinds.
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.

N°: 29.

FORT S^T: GEORGE, 15^{TH}: MAY 1701.

To M^R: JOHN FOQUETT
CHEIF &C^A: COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.
S^{rs}:

1. Wee wrote you a short Letter the p^{mo}: ins^t: Copy whereof comes inclosed promisseing an answer to those of yours now before us.

2. To yours of the 30^{th}: March. In Justice, to our masters, wee could not but resent as wee did, your ill management of the last years Investment, and your answer thereto, excuseing yourselves, we think very weak and frivilous.

3. As to what you write for excuse concerning Golcondah Betteelas, wee cannot well understand the latter part of that Paragraph, but well remember, that in both your first and second contracts you are cautioned against medleing with those sorts of Goods, or att least to take in as few as possible.

4. Wee wonder you have no muster of the sheets. Certainly $Mess^{rs}$: Lovell & Wooleston carried on hence, for without itt, wee can't imagine how [they] can contract for 'em, and tis not difficult to make a muster of the first good peice you meet with.

5. You must charge the Dustore from the time of M^c: Lovell & Woolestons going downe, for they have brought none into the $Comp^s$: bookes but have promised itt in their Letters.

6. Wee would still have you persue the seizure of Wooleston, unless he comes up of his own accord to adjust accounts.

7. Wee [received the] account of what Goods the new $Comp^a$: shipped off [to] Metchlepatam, & likewise have received an $acco^t$: from M^r: Frewen of the same att Maddapollam: both are very considerable for quality & quantity being 945 bales, w^{ch}: makes us the more wonder, your provideing soo few, and nevertheless sent 'em in the confusion you did.

8. What wee wrote concerning M^c: Rowland was upon information given us according to our charge, but if you find him innocent, wee reverse our order thereon.

9. Wee could never immagine that you would have entertaind M^r: Lovells servant as your cheif Dubash, whereby you make itt impossible to discover the

intreagues of his former masters, that were carried on to the great prejudice of the Company, w^{ch}: itt seems you have been endeavouring to discover, by a person the cheife promoter or actor of all.

10. To yours of the 12th: Aprill, wth: w^{ch}: wee received the papers inclosed from M^{r}: Frewen &c^{a}: wh[ere]in you advise that the new Comp^{a}: had made large contracts without advancing money, and hope you have done the same & adjusted all Acco^{rs}: wth: y^{or}: Merchants.

11. Wee are possitively resolved to have no more of those Golcondah Betteelas, unless very good and att farr easier rates, and then neither but a few, but in the room of them wee are willing to take a proportion of all chey goods provided they are Good of their sorts, both as to their sorts & chey, but remember not to medle wth: more Brampore nor any other sorts of chints, for that they are carried home [. . .].

12. Wee observe what you write concerning M^{r}: [Hiller] scratching out some words in your Gen^{ll}: Letter of the 30th: March, and interlining what he thought fitt all w^{ch}: you said he did after the letter was read in Consultation, and agreed to, which was a great presumption in him, and w^{ch}: wee will not suffer nor allow of, and since wee perceive there is no likelyhood of reclaiming M^{r}: Hiller, but that still continues Litigious and troublesome, wee think is for the Comp^{s}: service that he returns hither wth: his family by the first oppertunity, and accordingly wee order itt.

13. The muster of ordinary Longcloth sent us from Maddapollam, proves very thin when itt was wash'd, so can't incourage the provideing any, unless they will add two Punjums more, w^{ch}: will make itt a good cloth, if they will keep itt to the true lengths & breadths.

14. With yours of the 23^{d}: past, wee received Copys of the Dutch protest and your answer thereto, y^{e}: latter wee approve of, except some harsh and noisy expressions, w^{ch}: had been better Omitted, Wee commend yo^{r}: dilligence to preserve the hon^{r}: & interest of the Comp^{a}: and Asisting your Merchants in all that is just and fair, but remember not to refuse termes of accomodation when they are hon^{ble}: and just.

15. Wee have Laden on the Josiah Ketch Timothy Evans Master, Twelve thousand Pag^{s}: &c^{a}: Stores as ℔ inclosed Invoice and Bill of Ladeing, which summ we hope will enable you and those att Madapollam not only to clear all accounts with your Merch^{ts}: but to pay 'em something towards an Investment of thirty thousand Pag^{s}: to be brought in for the September ship in w^{ch}: wee hope you [have al]ready made a Considerable progress.

16. Wee strictly acquaint you wth: all expedition to send us your books of accounts to the end of last month, & lett Madapollam books be brought into yours.

17. The Advice Frigott arrived here the 8th: of last month, left England about the 10th: July, w^{ch}: Letters not only confirm the arrivall of the Neptune but advises the arrivall of Northumberland and Russell Frigott from Suratt, as also that on the arrivall of the Neptune by an information of Cap^{t}: Leslys through means of Cap^{t}: Heath (who is gone over to the new Comp^{a}: and a Director thereof) the new Comp^{a}: seized the Diamonds and private trade for the 5 ℔ Cent for w^{ch}: our masters stood a Tryall in the Exchequer and cast (?)'em, so there is great probabillity, that in the next Sesions of Parliament, that that 5 ℔ cent will be taken off by an Explanatory act.

18. The Comp^{a}: writes us, that there was peices of Goods wanting in several bales, what relates to those Goods in your parts, wee here inclose and what the Comp^{a}: writes thereon, of which wee would have you advise M^{r}: Noden by a Note and send us his answer thereto.

19. By this ship wee received his Majesties Comission for Trying of Pyrates as also an Examplyfication of the Act for incor[por]ateing our Comp^{a}: both under the great seal of England.

20. Wee have lately heard the ill news of the Death of the Duke of Glocester, w[ch] : was in August last.

21. By ships from the Coast of India lately arrived wee are advised that S[r] : John Gayer and his Lady were seized by the Moors and carried Prisoners to Surat[a] rela[tion whereof] the President received from Calicut [copy] of w[ch] : [letter] comes inclosed whereto referr you.

This supply had been sent you soon but that wee waited for the comeing of this Vessell and [till] the Danger of the Aprill Monsoon was over.

Wee here inclose a clause in the Comp[a] : [Gen[l] :] Letter received via Suratt the 17[th] : instant, wherein [you'l see] they'l maintaine and support their servants in [oppose]ing any of the new pretended authority, to w[ch] : referr [you].

Wee would not have you to detaine this [vessel] no longer than takeing ashoare the Treasure and [what] on freight for your place Wee are.

S[rs] :

Your very Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM[s] : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S.—Wee here send you our accomptants memorandums and Journalls parcells w[th] : your place, w[ch] : let be accordingly Enterred in your last books.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO METCHLEPATAM ℘ [JOSIAH KETCH].

N° : 1. Fort S[t] : George Generall Letter dated 15 May 1701.
2. Copy D° : . . . dated p[mo] : D° :
3. Invoice of the Josiah Ketch for Metchlepatam.
4. Bill Ladeing of D° : Ketch.
5. Copy what the Company writes out and their Warehousekeepers account of peices wanting in Bales sent to England p[r] : [. . .]
6. Copy Bombay Generall Letter [to Carrwar] dat[d] : 21[st] : March 1701.
7. Copy Clause of Comp[s] : Generall letter to Fort S[t] : George dat[d] : 21[st] : Aug[t] : 1701.
8. Letter to the cheife and Councill of Madapollam under flying seal.
9. Journall parcell Fort S[t] : George w[th] : Metchlepatam.
10. List of freight Goods p[r] : Josiah Ketch for Metchlepatam.
11. List of the pacquett.

N° : 30.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE 15[TH] : MAY 1701.

To M[r] : SEIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &c[a] :
COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S[rs] :

Our last to you was dated the 12[th] : and 26[th] : March by a Country boate, w[ch] : being advised by the Presid[t] : you have not received, wee here inclose copy thereofe w[ch] : Copy of the Invoice of what then sent.

In yours of the 25[th] : Feb[ry] : adviseing you had goods brought in then to the amount of six thousand Pag[s] : we have great hopes by this time you have rec[d] : the remainder of the old arrears, w[ch] : wee earnestly press you to clear, and that itt may stand so in your last books, w[th] : wee desire you to send us by the first oppertunity of ship or Vessell.

You also advisseing that the Country is quiet, has encouraged us to send you by this Vessell six thousand Pag[s]: as ℘ Invoice and bill ladeing inclosed upon the arrivall of w[ch]: wee desire you to Contract w[th]: your Merch[ts]: for Twenty thousand Pag[s]: to be brought in for the September ship, wherein we would have as much longcloth and salampores as possible, and what Betteelas you agree for, plain or strip'd, lett 'em be as fine as they can make, and variety of stripes but[. . .]ones, and for the remainder of the money, we wi[ll] supply you on the arrivall of our Europe ships, you advisseing us as soon as you receive this, to what amount you shall gett in of this Contract for the Septem[br]: ship, and what additionall Investment you can make for the Jan[ry]: ship, wee desire the Goods may the best of their sorts, well sorted washed and packed.

The Nabobs Letter wee received and upon receipt by M[r]: Foquett of the Nabobs Perwanna, Woolston retired to Maddapollam.

Aster Cawne was always a freind to the English, and you did well to preserve his freindship, for that Ballasore is under the Subarship of Cattack.

Wee do desire you to encourage your Weavers what you can in makeing your longcloth and sallampores substantiall, and that the thread may be struk as close as possible.

The Advice Frigott who arrived there y[e]: 8[th]: of last month, left England about y[e]: 10[th]: July, w[ch]: letters not only confirm the arrivall of the Neptune but advices the arrivall of the Northumberland and Russell Frigott from Suratt, as also that on the arrivall of the Neptune by an information of Cap[t]: Leslys through means of Cap[t]: Heath whois gone over to the new Comp[a]: and a Director thereof, the New Comp[a]: seized the Diamonds and private trade for the 5 p[r]: cent for w[ch]: our masters stood a Tryall in the Exchequer and cast(?) them, so there is great probabillity that in the next sessions of Parliament, y[t]: that 5 p[r]: cent will be taken off by an Explanatory Act.

By this Ship we received his Majesties Commission for [Trying of Pyrates as also an]Explanation of the Act for[incorpo]rateing our Comp[a]: both under the great seal of England.

Wee have lately heard the ill news of the Death of the Duke of Glocester which was in August last.

By ships from the Coast of India latly arrived, wee are advised that S[r]: John Gayer and his Lady were seized by the Moors and carried Prisoners to Surat, a relation wherofe the Presid[t]: received from Calicut, copy of w[ch]: letter comes inclosed, whereto referr you.

Wee here inclose a Clause in the Comp[s]: Generall letter received via Surat the 17[th]: Ins[t]: wherein you'l see, they'l maintain and support their Serv[ts]: in opposeing any of the new pretended authoritys, to w[ch]: referr you.

Wee would not have you to detaine this Vessell longer than takeing ashoar the treasure and what on freight for your place, being bound to Bengall. Wee are.

S[RS]:

Your very Affectionate Freinds

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

List of the Pacquett to Vizagapatam p[r]: Josiah Ketch.

No. 1. Fort S[t]: George Gen[ll]: Letter dated 15[th]: May 1701.
2. Copy ditto . . . dat[d]: 12 & 16 march 1701.
3. Duplicate of Fort S[t]: George Invoice ℘ Country boate[. .]
4. Invo[ice of the]Josiah Ketch for Vizagapatam.
5. Bill Ladeing d[o]: Ketch.

6. Copy Bombay Gen^ll^: Letter to Carrwar dat^d^: the 21^st^: March 1701.
7. Copy Clause of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Gen^ll^: Letter to Fort S^t^: George dat^d^: 21^st^: August 1700.
8. Journal parcells Fort S^t^: George w^th^. Vizagap^m^: ending Aprill 1701.
9. List of freight Goods ℘ Josiah Ketch for Vizagapatam.
10. Act of Parliament for Incorporateing our masters.
11. List of the Pacquett.

N°. 31.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE 15^TH^: MAY 1701.

MO T^R^: STEPHEN FREWEN CHEIFE &C^A^:
COUNCILL ATT MADAPOLLAM.

S^rs^:

Wee received yours of the 8^th^: Aprill the 23^d^: ditto w^th^: the acco^t^: of Goods the New Comp^a^: ship'd off att your place.

On the Josiah Ketch wee have sent Twelve thousand Pag^s^: to supply the occasions of Metchlepatam factory and yours, w^ch^: wee hope will not only clear all arrears to the Merch^ts^: but also lay a foundation for so considerable Investment for the September ship, att least amounting to between 30 and 40,000 Pag^s^: att both your factorys, and leave itt to you to proportion itt to each factory according as your Merch^ts^: will agree to provide the Goods, but take care that you have a good sortment, w^ch^: wee would have proportion'd as we formerly order'd, and hope in this Contract you'l avoid the errors you were guilty of in the last.

The musters of Ordinary Long cloth you sent us, after washing it, proves very thin, for w^ch^: reason wee cant encourage the makeing of an Investment in itt. If they would add two Punjams & strike the threads closer & keep up to the full length & breadth of the ordinary Longcloth, being [2 coveds] Long and 2 Coveds br[oad] when brown, we will then adventure upon 4 or Five thousand Pag^s^:

Wee would have you remitt your books and acco^ts^: to Metchlepatam, that so they may be brought into their books, w^ch^: wee expect to be sent us in September att farthest.

Wee think 70 Pag^s^: amo^t^: to be too great a charge for two factors, therefore press you to reduce it as much a[s] possible, therefore whatever servants you keep more than what is absolutely necessary or anything else that is superfluous, lett it be avoided for the future.

The news wee have received by the Advice ffrigott from England, and by Ship lately from Suratt will be transmitted you from Metchlepatam. Wee are

S^RS^:
Your affectionate friends:
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 32.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE 15^TH^: MAY 1701.

TO THE HON^BLE^: JOHN BEARD ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: &C^A^:
COUNCILL OF FORT WILLIAM IN BENGALL.

S^RS^:

Wee wrote you the 8^th^: March last by a Mannilha ship, Copy of w^ch^: comes Inclosed since w^ch^: have received yours of the 3^d^: Ditto by the Josiah Ketch, w^th^: the inclosed paper as ℘ list, who arrived here the 23^d^: past and brought us the

good news of the quick dispatch you gave the Colchester & Anna wth : so Considerable Cargoes, wch: has brought you so [much] indebted to the Country as to Occasion your desire of a supply from us, wth : wch: are sorry wee cant comply, for that wee are indebted in our subordinate factorys, and are now clearing and commenceing new Contracts for the approaching shiping, wch: will reduce our Cash to an inconsiderable sum.

The Tankervill fill'd up att Metchlepatam and saild thence the 16th: March.

Wee putt up ye : ketch to sale as you desired but none biding more than Five hundred Pags: wee return her to you, having disburs'd severall sums for wages and stores as ꝑ list inclosed, the amot : of wch : wee desire you to bring to our Credit, and wee shall do the same for her freight hither so soon as collected.

She has taken in severall Goods & treasure on freight for Metchlepatam Vizagapatam and Bengall as ꝑ accot : inclosed.

Wee wrote you in our former Letter about Exchangeing a ship in order to accommodate us with saltpetre for our September ship, but since you have no occasion for this Ketch, you may returne her to us the latter end of August, wth : one thousand bags of petre or what more she can well carry and if you shall think fitting to send her, wee desire you would give her a quick dispatch to us, for that if wee have the Petree wee shall be in a Condition to send an early ship, wee have had a great deal of trouble in triming the old Boate you sent with her, itt being so long that the Ketch cannot hoist itt in, so if you return her to us, desire that she may have the boate that properly belongs to her, for in all probabillity wee shall send the Ketch to the West Coast, so request she may be fitted accordingly.

Wee have laded on her 43 can : 2 md. : 18 of Red wood, as you formerly desired, as ꝑ Inclosed Invoice & Bill Ladeing.

Wee also desire that you'l provide to send by the December ship att least two thousand bags of saltpetre more than the ships Kentilage, and that itt may be of the best sort such as the Company desire wth : 30 bales Garrahs & 25 bales of Tentys.

The Advice Frigott, who arrived here the 8th: of last month, left England about the 10th : July wch : Letters not only confirm the arrivall of Northumberland, & Russell frigott from Surat, as also that on the arrivall of the Neptune by an information of Capt: Leslys through means of Capt : Heath who is gone over to the new Compa : and Director thereof, the new Compa: seized the Diamonds and private trade for the 5 ꝑ cent for wch: our Masters stood a Tryall in the Exchequer & cast (?)'em, so that there's great probabillity that in the next sessions of Parliament that that 5 ꝑ cent will be taken off by an Explanatory Act.

By this ship wee received his Majesties Commission for Trying Pyrates as also an Exemplification of the Act for Incorporateing our Compa : both under the great seal of England.

Wee have lately heard the ill news of the Death of the Duke of Glocester, wch : was in August last.

By ships from the Coast of India lately arrived, wee are advissed that Sr : John Gayer & his Lady were seized by the moors and carried prissoners to Surat a relation [whereof] the Presidt : rec'd from Callicut, Copy of wch : Letter comes inclosed whereto referr you.

Since writeing the above wee have recd : a Pacquett from Surat, wth : severall papers concerning affairs there, wch : wee have transcribed and remitted you wth : their Generall Letter. Wee are

Srs :

Your very humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

List of Fort St : George Pacquett to Bengall ꝑ Ketch Josiah Vizt :

No: 1. Fort St: George Generall Letter datd: 15th: May 1701.

2. Copy Ditto Genll: . . . datd: 8th: March 1700.

3. Accot: Wages Imprest to Ketch Josiahs men.

4. List of stores furnished said Ketch in Fort St: George.

5. List of Treasure and goods freighted ꝑ said Ketch for Bengall.

6. Invoice of the Josiah Ketch for Bengall.

7. Bill Ladeing of do: Ketch.

8. Copy Bombay Genll: Letter to Callicut datd: 21st: March 1700/1.

9. Copy of Sr: Wm: Norris his Roca to the Govr: of Surat datd: the 26th: December 1700.

10. Copy of Dittos summons to all English att Surat to hear his Commission published. Decbr: 26th: 1700.

11. Copy of an accot: of Discourse wth: Sr: Nicholas Waite by Messrs: Mildmay & Cox att the delivery of the Genll: Letter datd: 30th: Decembr: 1700.

12. Copy of Sr: Wm: Norris his roca to the Govr: of Surat [. . .].

13. Copy of Dittos roca to do: datd: 15th: January 1700/1.

14. Copy of Presidts: Colts roca to meer Allee Nuckee datd: 31st: do:

15. Copy of meer Allee Nuckes answer to do:

16. Copy Messrs: Wyeh Richardson & Blowers declaration datd: 8th: Febry: 1700 concerning discourse between Presidt: Colt Dianet Cawn and his son meer Allee Nuekee on ye: 30th: Novr: 1700.

17. Copy Discourse that passed before the Govr: att Surat between Sr: Nicholas Waite, Philip Blower, & Anthony Dean the 22d: Janry: 1700/1.

18. Copy of Sr: John Gayer & Councill of Surat their protest to Sr: Wm: Norris Wth: a Declaration wt: happened at the Delivery of itt datd: 23d: January 1700/1.

19 Copy Mr: Van Duers attestation how he found the Gate of Noqueda Amuds Garden, when he came to itt, 22d: January 1700/1.

20. Copy of Mr: Samuel Freemans attestation relateing to do:

21. Copy Sr: Wm: Norris his roca to meer Allee Nuckee ye: 23d: January 1700/1.

22. Copy Sr: John Gayers Letter to Sr: Nichlas: Waite and the latters discourse wth: Messrs: Mildmay & Cox Janry: Janry: 27 1700/1.

23. Copy Sr: Nicholas Letter to Sr: John Gayer datd: 31 Janry: 1700/1.

24. Translate of two of the Kings orders to the Govr: of Surat.

25. Translation of a Consultation held att Surat.

26. Translation of the Merchts: Certificate sent to ye: King [...] 1700/1.

27. Translation of wt: given in by Rustomjee ye: New Comp['s] Broker.

28. Copy Paragraphs of the Comps: Genll: letter datd: 21st: Augt: 1700 to Surat.

29. Pacquet directed to the Presidt: and Councill att Bengall.

N°: 33.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 19^TH: MAY 1701.

TO WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R: DEP^Y: GOV^R: &C^A:
COUNCILL ATT FORT S^T: DAVID.

S^r:

Wee here inclose a warrant from the admiralty Court directed to the Justices of the choultry att Cuddalore, for the attachm^t: of ship Hydia, Enoy Yett Cawn Owner, att the suit of Mathew Daruill & John fforcude w^ch: lett be served accordingly. Wee are.

S^r:
Your Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 34.

TO TIMOTHY EVANS COMMD^R:
OF THE JOSIAH KETCH.

Upon receipt hereof you are hereby ordered to repaire on board your Ketch and w^th: the first Oppertunity of Wind & Weather to weigh anchor sett saile and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining the Port of Bengall, where when arrived you are to deliver our Pacquett herewith delivered you, as Directed to the Hon^ble: John Beard Esq^r: Presid^t: &c^a: Councill, to whom you go Consignd and whose orders you are to follow, In your Passage to Bengall you are to touch att Metchlepatam and Vizagapatam, and there to deliver our Pacquetts herewith delivered you as directed to M^r: John [Foquett chief &c. Councill att Metchlepatam] M^r: Symon Holcombe cheife &c^a: Councill att Vizagapatam, also the treasure &c^a: Laden on board your ketch att each of those places, w^th: what freight Goods, in doing whereof you are to use all Expedition, Wee wish you a good Voyage, and Date these in Fort S^t: George this 22^d: Day of May 1701.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 35.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 29^TH: MAY 1701.

TO JOHN BEARD ESQ^R: PRESID^T:
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T: HON^BLE: ENG^S:
EAST INDIA COMP^A: &C^A: COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

S^rs:

Wee wrote you the 15^th: Ins^t: by the Josiah Ketch Copy of w^ch: comes inclosed since w^ch: on the 27^th: here arrived the Hampsheir Cap^t: Tovey, who brought us the Comp^s: Gen^ll: Letter of the 20^th: November, which advise of the great export they intend this season, this ship having brought us in Treasure about sixty thousand pound, and wee daily expect the Bedford w^th: one hundred thousand more, out of w^ch: wee are to Coin into Rupees 50000 £ w^ch: shall be sent you w^th: all Expedition.

They advise of the Sidney bound for your port, w^ch: wee hope ere this is safely arrived, she comeing out in Company w^th: this ship, & has ninety thousand pounds in Treasure besides Goods, The Josiah [. . .]

The following Paragraph the Comp^a: has Ordered to be remitted you, advise our Presid^t: and Councill in the Bay that they buy up and secure all the Raw silk and floretta yarne they possibly can meet with, and to that purpose that they send to Cassumbuzar these our orders, takeing the like care to buy up what they can meet w^th: in the shroffs or Merch^ts: hands. The sorts wee principally would have are A. B. C. not that wee will confine you to those, but desire them chiefly, and none lower than F, your floretta yarne Keep up to the finest sorts, as much as you can of A, & none under B the lower number do not turn to acco^t.

Wee relye wholly on the returne of y^e: Josiah Ketch w^th: Petre for a September ship, intending then to Dispatch the Hampsheir w^th: a considerable Cargoe.

The Josiah arrived in the Downes the 21^st: September, and the Benjamin in the 4^th: October, whose Cargo's were to be put up to sale soon after Chrismass.

On the weighing of the Petre you sent ℘ the Josiah Ketch wee found wanting Candy 1: 1 md.: 11 sr. Wee are

S^rs:

Your very humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

[JOHN MEVERELL.]

N°: 36.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 29^TH: MAY 1701.

To M^R: JOHN FOQUETT CHEIFE &C^A:
COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^rs:

Wee wrote you by the Josiah Ketch the 15^th: Instant copy whereof comes inclosed since w^ch: on the 27^th: in the evening here arrived the Hampsheire Capt^t: Tovey Commd^r: from England, and bring us the Comp^s: Generall Letter of the 20^th: of November adviseing us of the Bedford designed for this Port, whom wee daily expect, and severall Latter ships for this Coast and the Bay. This ship has brought us in treasure upward of sixty thousand pounds, and the Bedford has on board of her at least 100000, £, the Sidney is also gone directly for the Bay w^th: 90000 £ in treasure besides Goods, and the ships that follow bring a Vast treasure, soe that our Masters dilligence & care must be exerted to dispatch these ships in time without being Dead freighted, and that you may give us a considerable assistance herein, wee here send you as ℘ Invoice and bill of Ladeing inclos'd, a box of treasure q^t: 10000 Pag^s: and as soon as the Bedford arrives we will send you fifty thousand more, all w^ch: wee doubt not but you & Madapollam will be able to invest for the Sept^r: & January ship.

To the Goods wee formerly advised you to make your Investment in, by the Comp^s: order Rowaloo & Podiver Beteelas, w^ch: must be very Good of their sorts wee add the following sorts well washed and free from frays, musters of w^ch: sent from England wee here inclose and would have as many as wee could of each sort not exceeding five thousand peices, and whereas wee forbid the buying any more Brampore chints, you may now provide ten thousand peices, w^ch: must be their full lengths and breadths seaven yards long and full yard wide,

and for allajars Collowaypoes Saderuncheras Goaconcherulas wee would have you provide (if possible five thousand peices of each sorts, and Cotton Romalls of Metchlep[m]: each hankercheif ¾ yard square & not less 10,000 peices if procurable and 2000 p[s]: of Callicoe Dimitys of the fine sorts.

The Comp[a]: have taken no manner of notice of the Golcondah Betteelas, whether they approve them or otherwise, and you in your letters write us that it will be Difficult to make an Investment without takeing some of those Goods from your Merch[ts]: and though wee would avoid having any, yet wee would not insist so upon it as to obstruct your immediate proceeding on a new Contract, but as wee formerly wrote you let them be as few as possible & those very Good.

We cant foresee that you'l be able to provide those quantitys of each sort as the Comp[a]: desires if so wee would have you proportion each sort, that it may look like a good sortment.

Upon receipt of this wee would have you to summon your Merch[ts]: and be as expeditious as you can in finishing your Contract and make a Calculate of the same & send it to us that so if it should surmount the sum wee intend you, wee may send you a further supply before this moonsoon is over there being no bills to be had nor conveniencys of sending by Land.

Wee received both yours of the 10[th]: & 16[th]: instant w[th]: the papers inclosed.

To yours of the 18[th]: as to the Golcondah Betteelas & Sallampores [p]rized here, twas more than any upon the place would have given for them, and wee hope the irresistable power of money will overcome that Dispute.

Wee observe the papers that past between M[r]: John Pitt & M[r]: ffrewen concerning Wolleston and if anything of that nature had happened as M[r]: Pitt suggest, it would have layn att his Door for as our Masters write us his Consulary Power extends only to their own servants and no others.

Foukalah Cawn has always been our freind, and doubt not but will contenance our affairs on all occasions, and in few daies the Presid[t]: will send you a Letter for him w[ch]: may be sent him as affairs require.

Wee think itt reasonable that M[r]: Faucett be supplyed w[th]: Physick for the use of the Comp[s]: Serv[ts]: and that he be paid for what he has expended & desire y[t]: he'l be reasonable therein and his servant that attends in the Physick room, ought to be paid by the Company.

With yours of the 16[th]: wee received M[r]: John Pitts scurrilous paper to M[r]: ffrewen whithout the least occasion for itt, w[ch]: you all ought to resent and for the future to treat him accordingly.

If M[r]: Pitt advandc'd money to the Diggers before M[r]: Frewen Employed them they certainly belonged to him, but if so he ought to have had the [sense] and manners to have acquainted M[r]: Frewen w[th]: it before he proceeded to the seizeing of them.

Wee here inclose a clause of the Comp[s]: Gen[ll]: Letter, to w[ch]: referr you and would have you send it to Maddapollam.

The inclosed pacquet for Vizagapatam let be immediately forwarded by Peons overland. Wee are

S[rs]:

Your very Affectionate Freinds

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

LIST OF FORT ST: GEORGE PACQUET TO METCHLEPATAM VIZT:

N°: 1. For St: George Genll: Letter datd: 29th: May 1701.
2. Copy ditto datd: 15 May 1701.
3. Invoice of ship Bona Ventura for Metchlepatam.
4. Bill Ladeing of d°: ship.
5. Patterns of Betteelas received from England.
6. Copy clause of the Camps: Letter to the Fort dated 20th: Novr: 1701.
7. Pacquet for Vizagapatam.
8. Second bill Ladeing of Ketch Josiah for Metchlepatam.
9. List of the Pacquet.

N° : 37.

FORT ST: GEORGE 29TH: MAY 1701.

TO MR: SYMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE
&CA: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Srs:

Wee wrote you the 15th: instant of the Josiah Ketch, wch: wee hope ere this you have received; since which here arrived on the 27th: Instant one of our masters ships the Hampsheire Capt: Zacha[ri]ah Tovey wth: sixty thousand pound in Treasure who came out in Decembr: last wth: the Sidney bound directly for Bengall wth: 90000 £ in Treasure besides goods, and wee daily expect here the arrivall of the Bedford, who has on board 100000 £ besides there are four ships to follow for the Coast & bay by wch: you may perceive that great matters are expected from us this year, and that itt will require our utmost dilligence and care to Dispatch all these ships in season and hope you'l contribute your share thereto and to enable you to do ye: same, as soon as the Bedford is arrived wee will send you Twenty four thousand Pags: and would willingly add to that sum provided wee were well assured that you could Invest itt, for this years shipping, So pray provide and contract wth: your Merchants accordingly.

The strip'd Betteelas wee would have according to the muster inclos'd, wee mean as to the Stripe, but the Cloth finner if possible to the quantity of 5000 peices if procurable.

Wee here send you inclosed a clause in ye: Comps: Genll: Letter, relateing to ambassadors & Consuls, and to the fortification of your place whereto referr you, and to the latter desire your opinion.

All our masters ships were arrived from the Coast, Surat, and Bengall except the Scepter, who went hence to the West Coast but she has been att St: Helena so wee have no reason to doubt her safety.

Wee received your letter of the 10th: Instant unto wch: shall by our next send you a full answer and suply you wth: Quills and ink as you desire. Wee are

Srs:
Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF FORT ST: GEORGE PACQUETT TO VIZAGAPATAM. Vizt:

N°: 1. Fort St: George Genll: Letter datd: 29th: May 1701.
2. Patterns of Betteelas sent from England.
3. Copy Paragraphs of the Comps: Letter to the ffort dated 20th: November 1700.
4. Second Bill Ladeing of Ketch Josiah for Vizagapatam.
5. List of the Pacquett.

N°: 38.

FORT ST: GEORGE 29TH: MAY 1701.

TO WILLIAM FRASER: ESQR: DEP:
GOVR: &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

Srs:

Wee received yours of the 24th: Instant and observe your management wth: Doud Cawn, and though he swore Ten thousand times and makes never so faire promises you are not to trust him.

The Presidt: showd us Mollems Letter to the Dep: Governr: wherein Doud Cawn desires to see Mr: Hay [nes] who wee cant advise to Vissit him but would have him make some excuse or other of being indisposed.

Upon Doud Cawn's first given us troubles the Presidt: wrote to Assid Cawn and Zulphaker Cawn unto wch: there came answers last night, wth: a letter from Doud Cawn, wch: the Presidt: will bring wth: him, he intending for your place in few days.

On the 27th: Instant here arrived the Hampsheire Zachariah Tovey Commdr: who brought us the Comps: Genll: Letter of the 20th: Novembr: last adviseing the great Exports this year they intend for all parts. This ship has brought us in Treasure sixty thousand pound, who came out in Compa: wth: the Sidney bound for Bengall wth: 90000 lb. in Treasure beside Goods, and wee daily expect here the arrivall of the Bedford wth: one hundred thousand pounds, the Josiah and three other ships are also to follow for the Coast and Bay.

By these Letters wee have repeated complaints against the Goods of your place, a remedy for wch: must be found out.

Wee wish wee could hear you had concluded your old Contract wth: the merchts: that so wee might give orders for the commenceing a new one, in wch: your merchts: must be very expeditious, for Dispatch of our ships full and in due season.

Wee here inclose some Paragraphs in the Comps: Letters relateing to the proceedings of the ambassadors and Consulls as also touching the silk worms, Planting of Pepper trees and Mr: Haynes makeing of Wine, to wch: wee referr you.

Pray send us frequent advices of the motions of Doud Cawne, for that in an hours warning we are ready to give you considerable assistance in all respects.

Our masters ships are all arrived from this Coast, Bay, and Surat, except the Scepter who was at St: Hellena.

Srs:
Your very Affectionate Friends
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N° : 39.

FORT S^T^: GEOGRE JUNE 24, 1701.

TO THE HON^BLE^: JN^O^: BEARD ESQ^R^:
PRESID^T^: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^:
HON^BLE^: ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMP^A^: & GOVERNOUR OF FORT
W^M^: IN BENGALL.

S^rs^:

Wee received yours of the 7^th^ : 16^th^ : & 25^th^: Aprill last and inclosed comes Copy of our last dated y^e^: 29^th^ : past.

In yours of the 7^th^ : wee observe what you write us concerning S^r^: Edward Littleton which is fully answered by the Clause sent you last out of our Masters letter.

Doubtless M^r^: Holcombe &c^a^: has long ere this wrote you about the buissiness of Ben to Ferario who you say acted for M^r^: Hillier whereof we heard nothing before receipt of yours so shall also write M^r^: Holcombe &c^a^ : about itt.

To yours of the 16^th^: whereof wee have only received the Copy, in which you are pleased to say there is no blame of your side for our not being supplyd w^th^ : saltpetre, whereas wee sent you the King William to take in her Kentilage and the Charterparty w^th^ : her to direct you as to the quantity and that of the one Thousand bagg[s] was under the head of stores, of w^ch^: you were soo far from sending us one ounce, that you loaded short of her Kentlage 300 bags and what S^r^: Charles urg'd as to lessening the stock, he should have considered that wee all belong to one society, whose Interest wee should Jointly promote.

To yours of the 25^th^ : Aprill as to what relates to our being disappointed of saltpetre wee think wee have sufficiently answer'd, and shall to avoid disputes mention nothing more relateing thereto, and whereas you have but two ships consigned to yo^r^: [. . .] both which being bigger than what wee shall be able to lade home in September, so must request you to send neither of those ships as formerly desired wee haveing here sent you the Advice Frigot burthen 130 Tonns which wee desire you to load with saltpetre, & return her to us with all imaginable speed, or otherwise wee shall want saltpetre for our Septemb^r^: ship and whereas wee formerly desired you would return to us the Josiah Ketch with salt, Wee now request you to send her in September for the West Coast, and that you'd lade on her according to the List inclos'd, itt being the Comp^s^: to send a Vessell thither from your Parts and to supply the amount of that Cargoe, being very unwilling to Lessen your stock, wee shall send you in Rupees about 20000£ more than what the Comp^a^: has ordered in consideration of the great arrears you were in after finishing your last years Investment which will come to you on the Bedford in August on whom wee must desire you to send us att least 3000 baggs of Petre more than the Charterparty Kintlage and for packing stuff it being so dear w^th^ : you wee shall provide ourselves elsewhere.

All sorts of grain are pretty reasonable here att present, tho' wee have had a very dry time so that if there be not suddainly rain, wee may expect it to rise considerably, as to w^ch^ : wee shall advise you by the Bedford, and other conveyances.

The Tonnage of this place is like to lye heavy on our hands this year, our masters having sent us the Bedford 750 Tonns, The Dutchess [ ] Tonns, the Phœnix 400 Tons the Hampsheir 375 Ton and the Advice Friggot 130 Tons, besides the Loyall Cooke expected from China in Jan^ry^ : or Feb^ry^: next about 400 Tons.

The Hampsheir wee have dispos'd of in sending her to China who wee hope will return so early as to be dispatch'd home. The Dutchess wee intend for a September ship, and the Advice Friggot if possible, The Phœnise wee are in treaty with the Armenians to send her to Persia, but uncertaine whither wee shall agree, The Bedford wee purpose for the Jan^ry^: ship, who will carry a great number of

Bales, to the ladeing of which, if you could contribute 7 or 800 Bales it may enable us to dispatch the China ships so soon as they arrive here.

What blackstone wee can gett ready fitt for your Chappell, shall be sent you by the Bedford.

On this ship comes Mr: John Mounteny Mr: Peter Vansittard and Mr: Charles Psoon being Comps: Servts: sent out for your place.

Wee desire you to caution the Capt: in his return hither not to speake with any ship, for that wee have reason to be jealous there is or sudden will be warrs wth: France. Wee are

Srs:
Your humble Servants
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE SENT FROM BENGALL TO THE WEST COAST PR: JOSIAH KETCH VIZt:

Butter	20 Jarrs.
Oyl	40 do.
Wax	10 maund Bengall.
Wheat	one hundred & Twenty Do:
Rise fine	one hundd: Do:
Shoos	Two hundd: Pair.

The Remainder of the Vessell to be filled up wth: Rise.

LIST OF FORT ST: GEORGE PACQUETT TO BENGALL PR: ADVICE FRIGGOT VIZT:

No: 1. Fort St: George Generall Letter datd: 24th: June 1701.
2. Copy of Do: datd: 29 May 1701.
3. List of Goods to be sent from Bengall to the West Coast pr: Josiah Ketch.
4. Invoice of the Advice Friggot.
5. Bill Lading of Do: ship.
6. Copy of Do: ships charterparty to be return'd us with the ship.
7. List of the Pacquett.

No: 40.

TO CAPT: WM: REDHEAD COMDR: OF THE ADVICE FRIGOTT.

Upon receipt hereof, you are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship and wth: ye: first oppertunity, of wind and weather to weigh ancor sett sayle and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining the Port of Bengall, where when arriv'd you are to deliver our Pacquett herewith delivered you.

To the Honble: John Beard Esqr: President &ca: Councill to whom you goe consign'd and whose orders you are to follow, for your unladeing, and further proceeding, There are three of the Honble: Compa: servants take their passage, whom you are to allow the accommodation of the great Cabin, and to treat civilly dureing the Voyage, and take care what Provissions put on board for them, be

not embezled, wee wish you a good Voyage, and date these in Fort S^{t}: George the 30th: day of June 1701.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^{o}: 41.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 3^{D}: JULY 1701.

TO WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}: DEP. GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

S^{rs}:

Wee have severall of yours which have layn unanswer'd, by reason that the President, and some of the Councill are designd for your place, but one business or other has hitherto hindred their proceeding, and at this time, Dowed Cawn's being here at S^{t}: Thoma, who came thither yessterday, and his stay is variously reported.

To yours of the 31st: May the purport of which being cheifly concerning Mollam's managment of affairs with the Nabob Doud Cawn w^{ch}: upon second Consideration wee wish he had not gone, and would not have the like drawn into a precident hereafter, for that ill consequences may attend itt.

Wee received the 7[0 bales sent] by the Madrass Pinnace.

To yours of the 4th: past the Hampsheir is gone for China, soe the Bedford is intended for your place wth: w^{t}: stores you write for, and a large supply of Cash, by reason here is no sending any overland wth: security, wee received the Invoice of the seventy Bales sent on the Madrass Pinnace.

To yours of the 27th: past, your two Bills on us amounting to 1760 Pag^{s}: wee have pay'd, and whereas there has been oppertunitys of drawing Bills on us, tis your own faults if you have labour'd under the [streights] of soo low a cash.

You shall be supply'd wth: Factor's stores by the Bedford of all sorts.

Wee hear nothing of Enoyutt Cawn as yett but the ship came hither as you suggested without Cable or anchor, and was supply'd here.

Wee received the acco^{t}: of the last Investment and hope by this your merchants have enquired into the circumstances of the Country, and are ready to undertake for a large Investment, for wee shall want a greater number of Bales than ever to fill their ships.

Wee think itt necessary that you continue your Tappys, for Dow'd Cawn is here at S^{t}: Thoma wth: whom we are not like to have a good understanding, wee having sent yesterday to visitt him, who refused our Present which was very considerable.

The President wrote you some time since to provide ten Corge of Cambays for the Comp^{s}: acco^{t}: for the West Coast w^{ch}: wee here confirm, and desire you to gett them ready for Cap^{t}: Phrip, who will suddainly be [wi]th you.

Wee here inclos'd send you our Accomptants Journall Parcells taken out of our Books w^{ch}: wee would have adjusted wth: your last, also, comes Copy of what the Auditor-Generall has wrote touching your place, whereto pleas to be referrd. Wee are

S^{rs}:
Your very Affectionate Friends
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 42.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JULY Y^{E}: 14, 1701.

TO WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}: DEP. GOVERNOUR &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

S^{rs}:

Wee have received a Letter from Abdall Labby, complaining of your protecting Vincatama Pattee Pollygar who is his Enemy, and plunders the Country round concerning which wee have this morning a message from the Nabob att S^{t}: Thoma upon which wee write you this that upon receipt of itt you forthwith putt the Pollygar out of our bounds and for the future give no protection to those sort of people.

Wee received yours of the 11^{th}: w^{ch}: shall answer, and what formerly received when our troublesome Neighbour is gone. Mollum must not think of comeing hither. Wee are

S^{rs}:
Your very $affectio^{t}$: Freinds
$THOMA^{s}$: PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 43.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 24^{TH}: JUNE 1701.

TO M^{R}: JOHN FAUQUETT CHEIFE &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{s}:

1. Wee have received both yours of the p^{mo}: and 9^{th}: Instant.

2. In the former you advise of the arrivall of the Josiah Ketch, and the receipt of the Twelve-thousand Pag^{s}: sent you hence on her.

3. Wee observe the unreasonable proposition of your Merchants, as for what Goods prized here wee are satisfied wee gave more than their reall worth then, that they would clogg you with such a Number of Golcondah Betteelas in a future contract is unreasonable, for they do not sell for prime cost in England, and for the Dustores wee expect that they pay itt, being demanded upon the first contract made with them and they promised payment thereof as by M^{r}: Lovells lettter.

4. Wee are not unsensible that whilst you have competitors, who take in Goods att any prizes, & without being very strict in measureing or sorting twi'l be difficult for you to manage your Merchants as you ought to doe, but when you can't doe so well as you would or should, you must do as well as you can, for you see our Masters are resolved to bear down the other party by tradeing.

5. The Eighteen hundred peices of Golcondah Betteelas you say you are oblig'd to take in the ensueing Contract, is a cutting article, for they sell on [. . .] more than 39 and 40 shillings p^{r}: peice in England w^{ch}: w^{th}: the charges is not prime Cost, so wish you could gett[. . .] of them.

6. Wee can charge no Perticular crime on your Cheife Dubash only that he was $Mess^{rs}$: Lovells and Woolstons before and therefore very improper to be so now, if ever you intended to dive into their management, of which wee are still jealous was not for our masters interest.

7. We desire that you'l send your books as soon as possible, for that ours lyes open for the books of the subordinate Factorys.

8. Wee have perusd your contract for Pagodas 24,600 and can by no means approve of the 1,800 peices Golcondah Betteelas, which must be left out, and others taken in their Room either Podavetz or Rowaloo for wee had better give them half the money than take the Goods.

9. Your Bill for six Thousand Pagodas when presented shall be duly pay'd.

10. Wee here send you a chest of Rosewater but for crimson, and scarlett cloth, you must employ some to buy itt of the New Company, for wee have not one yard sent out of any sort of woolen manufacture, and if you can buy six peices of very good scarlett, and send us by the first ship for wee want itt extreamly.

11. Wee shall enquire further for a Dubash for you, but as yett can hear of none fitt for that employ.

12. We cant imagine what you mean writeing us about Colla Narsos debt, for if it is justly due, its reasonable he should be paid.

Wee here inclose a List of the Goods which the Company [desires] from your Fact[ors] their [opinion] of severall sorts [. . .] as possible, which wee find not contradictory to what they wrote us by the Hampsheire, which wee remitted you, but be sure remember to leave out fine cloth, and sheets.

Wee have laden on this ship fourty-four thousand Pagodas as p^r: Invoice, and Bill Ladeing inclos'd and desire you to dispatch her with all speed to Vizagap^m: she having treasure on board her for that place.

By this ship comes two Factors, and two writers to be dispos'd as hereafter mentioned, who wee desire may be kept close to buisiness.

Francis Hastings Factor 3^d: } of Councill at Metchlep^m:
Richard Harrison D^o: 9^th: & last. }

Matthew Weld writer for Metchlepatam.

Richard Peirson Writer for Madapollam.

Here are arrived the Bedford, Dutchess and Phœnix, The Hampsheire wee have sent for China. Wee have this year a great deal of Tonnage on our hands, therefore your uttmost endeavours must be exerted for getting so great a quantity of Goods as possible, to help fill up the Tonnage and pray hasten the getting in the Goods for the September ship, that wee may not run the hazard of keeping her long on the Coast.

M^r: Rowland having requested leave to come hither, you may permitt him so to do by the first ship.

11^th: July 1701.

The foregoing had been long since dispatch'd to you, but that wee were advis'd the Nabob and his army was comeing this way, who arrived att S^t: Thoma the 2^nd: Instant, the next day wee sent him a very handsome present w^ch: he return'd [and] demanded no less than ten thousand Pag^s: and wee resolving not to comply w^th: nor make any adition to our Present he made preparations to Attack us, and wee to defend ourselves, which was the occasion of detaining this ship, but att last his stomach is come downe and has accepted our present, so wee dispatch this ship to you, but shall not disband more of our forces till he is march'd hence.

The 30^th: past wee received yours of the 19^th: w^th: the contract for the Jan^ry: shipping, and wonder after so many repeated advices you would admitt of such an article as 2,700 peices of Golcondah Betteelas, which amounts to near a quarter part of your Investment, w^ch: wee can by no means agree to, and if possible you must leave out the whole quantity, as also the sheets and longcloth.

The Dustore must be recover'd of the Merchants for the past contracts, as well as the present, or you'l certainly find twill be charg'd to your acco^ts:

The List of the Madapollam Contract did not come inclosd as you mention, which omission would not have happened, if you had sent a List of your Pacquett.

Wee have payd your Bill of Six Thousand Pag^s: to Killee Narrain.

Wee received yours of the 26^th: past by M^r: Hillier who came here the 12^th: Instant, inclos^d: in which was the Maddapollam contract, whereby wee

perceive that you have had no regard to what wee wrote you upon the arrivall of the Hampsheire, for in the List of Goods then sent you wherein to make your Investment, there was no fine Longcloth nor sheets, therefore we say againe, you must medle w^th: none of those sort of Goods for the Comp^a: has absolutely forbid 'em [. . .]

M^r: Hiller [. . .] doe resolving to keep to our Former resolutions of turning out all such as prove litigious, and troublesome in the Comp^s: Service.

Wee have perusd the acco^t: sent us of w^t: Goods in your Godowns, and att the washers, which amount to but a poor number of Bales, considering the Tonnage wee have to fill up.

Wax is here at 55 Pag^s: p^r: Candy, so you must provide yourselves w^th: what you want.

Wee received the two peices Ramawls which are not so square as the Camp^s: order which wee would have you Keep strictly too.

Upon this ship wee have sent Narrain to your Asistance, by reason he is so well acquainted w^th: all the Merchants, whom wee would have you advise w^th: in all matters of importance, we have spoke to him, and likewise desire you to use your uttmost endeavour to gett a sett of Merchants, for the carrying on our Masters affairs, that are not any ways concerne'd in the new Comp^a:

Narrain is to return to us on this ship whom wee hope you'l send a good quantity of Bales. Wee are

S^rs:
Your very Affectionate Freinds
Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

P.S.—You may permitt M^rs: Hiller to remain in her Lodgings att the Factory till the return of the Dutchess, who then intends hither w^th: her family, and what Lumber she has there w^ch: you must hinder.

The Gold chains for Presents are delivred the Command^or: and the Chests of Rosewater will come by next, there being none good procurable.

List of Fort S^T: George Pacquett to Metchlepatam p^R: Ship Dutchess, Viz^T:

N^o: 1. General Letter dat^d: 29^th: June, & 11^th: July 1701.
2. List of Coast Goods to be provided at Metchlepatam.
3. Invoyce of ship Dutchess, for Metchlepatam.
4. Bill Ladeing of D^o: Ship.
5. Letter to Cheif and Councill of Maddapollam under flying seal for your perusall.
6. List of the Pacquett.

N^o: 44.

Fort S^T: George 24^TH: June 1701.

To M^R: Stephen Frewen Cheif &^CA:
Councill att Maddapollam.

S^rs:

Wee received yours of the 2^nd: Instant w^th: w^ch: you did not send us the particulers of your new Contract, Wee have wrote fully to Metchlepatam who wee have orde^rd: to remitt you a Copy thereof, wee have also a sent 'em fourty-four thousand Pagodas.

The Comp^{a}: has sent us nothing this year for Presents, so that what you want for the Rash war[?] or otherwise you must employ somebody to buy of the new Comp^{a}: Wee referr you to our Generall Letter to Metchlepatam and are

S^{rs}:

Your very Affectionate Friends

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^{o}: 45.

TO M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM. FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 24TH: JUNE 1701.

S^{rs}:

Wee wrote you last on the 29th: post Copy whereof comes inclos'd.

Wee are now to answer yours of the 10 past.

On this Ship the Dutchess Cap^{t}: Raymond Commander wee send you Quills, and Ink.

Wee hope the six Thousand Pagodas sent you by the Josiah Ketch arrived safe wth: you, and that you have lay'd an early foundation for a large Investment this year, for wee never more wanted it, the Company haveing loaded us wth: so much Tonnage.

Wee take notice of what you write, y^{t}: your Factory is out of repair, what is absolutely necessary must be done.

Wee here send you an acco^{t}: of what broad cloath, and Perpetuanoes was torn of the Peices.

Wee received yours of the 21st: of May wth: the Bengall Pacquett, in w^{ch}: Letter there was mention y^{t}: one Bento Fererio was in trouble about M^{r}: Hiller's ship concerning which the President and Councill of Bengall desires your Assistance to clear him, w^{ch}: wee hope you have done before now, but if not, wee desire you to dispeed it to 'em by the first conveyance.

Wee have laded on this ship for your Factory Twenty-four Thousand Pagodas, as ℣ Invoyce and Bill Ladeing Inclosd, and wou'd make a considerable Addition to it, were wee assur'd you could Invest.

Wee must desire you to return this ship as soon as the winds will permitt, and not Keep her longer than the 1st: of September she being to call att Metchlep^{m}: for what Goods lye there ready.

Wee are in daily expectation of your answer of what wrote you by the Josia Ketch.

On this ship wee send M^{r}: William Morton writer, and M^{r}: Robert Cranwell will soon follow to be third of your Factory.

11th: July 1701.

The foregoing had been long since dispatch'd to you, but that wee were advisd that the Nabob and his army was comeing this way, who arriv'd at S^{t}: Thoma the 2nd: Ins^{t}: the next day wee sent him a very handsome Present, w^{ch}: he returnd and demanded no less than [ten]Thousand Pag^{s}: and wee resolveing not comply wth: nor make any Addition to our Present, he made preparations to attack us, and to defend ourselves, w^{ch}: was the Occasion of Detaining this Ship but att last his stomach is come downe, and has accepted our Present, so wee dispatch this ship to you, but shall not disband more of our forces till he is march'd hence.

The 28th: past wee received yours of the 8th: D^{o}: with your contract for Twenty Thousand Pag^{s}: to be delivred in September next, but upon peruseing itt, could wish there was a greater proportion of Longcloth, and Sallampores, and hope you'l provide for itt in the next contract, and what Longcloth and Sallam-

pores you can gett wash'd to send this ship, lett 'em be made up brown, but see that the [. . .] [well packed.]

And upon the encouragement you give us of your being able to make a large Investment for the Jan^{ry}: ship, we have laded to what wee formerly intended for your place six Thousand Pag^{s}: and would still send you a farther supply, were wee assur'd you could Invest itt, and the reason wee doubt itt, your so often fayling us of what you promise, concerning which you may write us that wee may be able to make returns before this Monsoon is over.

You write us that the Dutch in your parts are makeing a large Investment and they are doing the same here, haveing in severall of their Factory hereabouts contracted to the amount of about three hundred Thousand Pag^{s}: .

Wee here inclose Copy of what the Auditor Generall has wrote us by the late ships concerning y^{r}: Factory, whereto pray send us your answer Wee are

S^{rs}:
Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE PACQUETT TO VIZAGAPAT[AM.] ℘ SHIP DUTCHESS VIZ^{T}:

N°: 1. Generall Letter dat^{d}: 24th: June, & 11th: July 1701.
2. Copy of D°: dat^{d}: 29th: May 1701.
3. An acco^{t}: of w^{t}: torn off the Fagg ends of Europe cloth returnd f[rom Ne]gapatam ℘ ship Howland.
4. [Invoice of] Ship Dutchess for Vizagapatam.
[. . .]

N°: 46.

TO CAP^{T}: HUGH RAYMOND COMM^{DR}: OF SHIP DUTCHESS.

Upon receipt hereof you are orderd to repair on board your ship, and wth: the first oppertunity of wind, and weather, sett sayle, and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining the Port of Metchlepatam, where when arriv'd you are to deliver our Pacquett herewith delivered you as directed to M^{r}: John Focquett cheif &c^{a}: Councill wth: w^{t}: treasure &c^{a}: for that place, from whence you are to proceed to Vizagapatam where when arrivd you are to deliver our Pacquett as directed to M^{r}: Simon Holcombe Cheif &c^{a}: Councill with what treasure for that place, and to follow their orders for your Ladeing, and return. Messr^{s}: Francis Hasting Richard Harrison & Mathew Weld take their passage for Metchlepatam, and William Morton for Vizagap^{m}: whom you are to allow the great Cabin for their accommodation and Civill treatment and what Provissions putt on board for their Voyage let not be Embezled. Wee wish you a good Voyage & date these in Fort S^{t}: George this 16th: July 1701.

THOM^{S}: PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 47.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 24^TH: JUNE 1701.

TO RICHARD WATTS ESQ^R: DEP:
GOVERN^R: &C^A: COUNCILL ATT YORK [FORT.]

S^rs:

Wee wrote you the 7^th: February last by the Ruby a short Letter copy of w^ch: comes inclosd and wee now here answer both yours of the 15^th: and 22^nd: July 1700 by the Thankfull.

To yours of the [ ]th March by which [. . . . . .] was surrendred to us so hope by the good effect of your [. . .] att Tryamong you'l manage our Masters affairs, so as to prevent their being brought into the confusion they [were] in by the ill conduct of your Predecessour.

You say that the Companys affairs here suffer'd very much for want of supplys of Dollars w^ch: you take due care to prevent, by the great draught of Bills you draw on us, as also on the Company by the Armenian Merchant who brought you about 7000 Dollars more than the amount you laded on her all w^ch: summs amount to little less than 40000 Dollars, which by what the Comp^a: write us, will be no small surprize to them, nor is it to us here.

Wee received the Copys of your Letters to the Company by the Armenian Merchant and Scepter, as also your Diary and account Cash, and should be glad to see your Generall books, for wee are in the dark how you have disposed of the amo^t: of the Cargoes from Europe, and the great supplys you have had here.

Wee have credited you for the amount of the Armenian Merchant, and Scepters Invoyce and debt you for the bills drawn on the Hon^ble: Company for Eight Thousand five hundred peices of Eight.

Wee have wrote you our resentment of dispatching the Armenian Merchant before the Scepter and given you good reasons for itt, the Scepter wee wrote you winter'd att Mauritius, since which she has been att S^t: Helena.

M^r: Frith you say has been very serviceable to the R^t: Hon^ble: Company in Assisting M^r: Eyton.

Wee observe you have entertain'd Joseph Hilton a writer of w^ch: we approve and shall send you more Assistance hence upon the first supply wee have from England, and in the meantime do desire you to use your uttmost endeavours to bring up the books that are behind hand.

Wee hope the new troubles that Raja Addell was contriveing to the Northward proved abortive, for by the represention of your condition you seem not to be prepar'd to Quell him by force, and if Tryamong be soe very sickly (which Factory you say is like to tumble down, and that the repaireing of itt will be as much charge as building a new one att Bentall) wee can give no reason why you should not remove itt unless itt be more inconvenient for the procury of pepper.

Wee are of your opinion, that tis a force that must awe the Mallays, without which they never will be quiet, which force our Masters must send you from England, for wee are not able to do itt from this place, nor can wee send you Mussoolas, for tis next to impossible to bring up Cofferees to manage them as you desire.

Wee here send 2646 Rupees, and 54836 Fa^s; of which write us how they goe off, and wee shall send you a Constant supply of them.

Wee commend your retrenching the expence and desire you'l prosecute your intentions therein.

Tis a great Loss the death of your Chyrugeon, which wee will supply hence as soon as can gett [one] but believe itt may be eassy for you to procure one out of a [. . .].

Wee here send you three Coffrees being what have been brought up to Carpenter and Mason work but for other slaves are difficult to procure here.

Wee here send you a receipt for makeing ink with a box of all other Factors provissions.

If Ire Banny (whereof Cap^t: Phrip gives you an account) be conveniently scittuated for procureing large Quantitys of pepper, those Qualifications as being

healthfull, affording plenty of Provisions, and a good harbour for shipping, makes itt preferrable to any of your settlements, of which if you are well inform'd twoued not be amiss if you make a small experiment, so as to try the fidellity of the People, and to be throughly inform'd of the Product of the place.

To yours of the 22nd: July by which you advise that the Troubles you fear'd from the Northward were prevented by the speedy supplys you sent thither, and wee hope soon after, your want of Cash was also supply'd by the arrivall of the Madrass Merchant, who wee heard was att the Cape, and that she brought suffecient to enable you to buy considerable quantitys of pepper.

Wee observe how the sablat boats gave you the slip, which must be a caution to you for the future.

If Mathew Ridley continues to behave himself well, you may employ him as a writer and advise the Company thereof.

If Mr: Broughton insists of going to England or comeing hither, wee leave itt to his choice, and then supply with those proper to fill up the Councill, as soon as the Company sends us more servants out, though we could [. . .]those there, who by their [. . .].

Wee hope Gunner Samms recover'd of his sickness, but if itt happen otherwise, you must endeavour to supply yourselves of the Europe ship, for wee have no fitting Person to send hence.

The sucor allow'd upon a Bahar of Pepper to Pangram Funtanally is no great matter, unless itt be a leading card for others to insist to have the same.

Their Letter from [T]ryamong wee received which wee also answer by this ship, Copy whereof comes inclos'd wee observe the Bitchars you have had with the severall Rajahs, Mandareens and Boarleens, and your success therein, but be sure to manage your affairs and determinations so as to keep the Ballance in your own hands for the best of them are but a mallicious perfidious sort of people never to be trusted.

Wee have strictly perus'd the stores, and necessarys you write for, and have sent you all that are procurable on this ship amounting to Pags: 5996–17–3 as ℔ Invoyce, and Bill ladeing inclos'd.

Wee not only complain of the vast expence of your place, but the Company have also taken notice in their Generall Letters to us copy of which clauses wee here remitt you as also what the Auditor Generall have wrote out, Wee shall and do expect that you send us the Rubie, & this ship laden wth: pepper to help out the great Tonnage that's likely to be on our hands this year, in Leiu of the Regiment of Bills you draw on us, and the great supplys of stores &ca: wee now send you What pepper you Lade on the Sarum must be att 18 ℔ cent to be payd according to the current [price of pepper] [. . .].

The 8th: Aprill here arrived the Advice Friggott from England who brought us the Honble: Companys Letter datd: the 18th: June and on the 27th: past month arrived the Hampsheire who brought us their Letter of the 20th: Novr: last, both cheifly adviseing their great prosperity by means of the arrivall of many their ships, and their great sales.

Captain Leshly in the Neptune by means of Capt: Heath inform'd the New Company of all the private trade on board him, which occasion'd the new Company seizing itt on accot: of the 5 ℔ cent, to determin which, there was solemn Tryall in the Exchequer, where our Masters had the better of itt, they also write us that they intend great stocks for all parts of India this year.

The Longcloth now sent us was torn a little in washing and mended, of which you must advise those that buy itt, that so there be not a Generall discredit brought on Longcloth, tho wee think this not the worse itt being so little torn.

Wee bought here a Long boat which is built upon, and very well fitted, which wee intend to send you in the month of August laden with rise.

Inclos'd comes Copy of our letter, datd: 7th: August 1700 ℔ ship Tryall, and hope you have follow'd the Companys orders about the white pepper.

There comes on this ship Arthur Cutler, Robert Scott, whom wee have enter'd Factors att 30 £ pr: annum, and have paid 'em 30 Pags: each which you are to

deduct from their sallarys there, and creditt us for the same, wee hope they'l be very Assisting in bringing up your books and would have prefer'd according to their [. . .]

We are
S^{rs}:
Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S.—Wee have wrote the Presid^{t}: and Councill of Bengall to send you the Josiah Ketch in September laden with Rise, Butter, Oyle &c^{a}: w^{ch}: wee expect you'l return to us fill'd wth: Pepper.

You are to Pay Cap^{t}: Phrip seven Dollars ℘ mensem each for the diet of Cutler, and Scott during their Voyage.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO YORK FORT ℘ SHIP SARUM VIZ^{T}:

N^{o}: 1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter, dat^{t}: 24 June 1701.
2. Copy d^{o}: 7th: February 1700.
3. Receipt for makeing ink.
4. Copy Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: to [T]ryamong, dat^{d}: 24th: June 1701.
5. Invoyce of ship Sarum for York Fort.
6. Bill Ladeing D^{o}: ship.
7. Copy of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Gen^{ll}: Letter to Fort S^{t}: George, dat^{d}: 21st: Augst: 1700 touching the West Coast.
9. Copy Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter to York Fort, dat^{d}: 7th Aug^{t}: 1700.
10. Ship Tryalls 2nd: Bill Ladeing.
11. List of the Pacquett.

N^{o}: 48.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 24TH: JUNE 1701.

To M^{R}: NATHANIEL EYTON CHEIF
&C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT [T]RYAMONG.

S^{rs}:

Wee received yours of the 31st: July last by Cap^{t}: Phrip in which you seem to be jealous of new Troubles from Rajah Addell, who must be by some means or other taken off, you'l never be att quiett, nor does any of the others seem to be much better, who are generally a mallicious Perfid[ious] people, for which reason you must be the [. . .]

Wee observe what you write the Fanams for which reason wee have sent a considerable quantity by this ship, and according to the encouragement you give shall encrease the quantity.

Wee have heard nothing of M^{r}: Eytons Indentures from the Hon^{ble}: Company, but shall write them about itt in our next Letters as he desires.

Wee received the papers concerning M^{r}: Coot deceasd, whose Estate remitted us was pay'd Cap^{t}: Phrip, the will being allow'd to be good.

Wee hope the Company will supply you wth: Factors, and Soldiers from England: for that wee have none to spare hence.

Att present here are no slaves procurable but shall endeavour to gett some to send you by the next ship.

Wee have sent Factors Provisions, and all other stores as ℘ Copy of the Invoyce Inclos'd out of which wee would have you take what's necessary for your place, but so much as to streighten York Fort.

Wee accepted your Bills amounting to Royalls 3962 : 2 : 1 : and payd them, but w[th] : great regrett, York Fort drawing upon us att the same time for about Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Wee must not forgett to mind you in being thrifty in all your expences, and dilligent in procureing what quantity of pepper you can, for the Company complain very much of their great charge, and little profit they reap.

About your removeing from [T]ryamong to Bentall wee have wrote the Dep[y] : Govern[r] : and Councill of York Fort who will impart it to you. Wee are

S[rs] :

Your affectionate Freinds.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N°: 94.

To the Hon[ble] : John Beard Esq[r] :
Presid[t] : &c[a] : Councill in Bengall

S[rs] :

Our last to you was the 24[th]: past by the Advice Frigott, Copy of which comes Inclos'd.

Wee here send you on the Phœnix Rups: 3,00,000 as ℔ Invoice and bill Loading inclos'd and shall if Possible send you four or five Lack more by the Bedford who intend shall saile hence about the midle of next month directly for your Port, Wee have lett out the P[h]œnix to M[r] : Jn[o] : Affleck and to Cojah Paulo to freight for Persia or Suratt, as by the Copy of the Contract here inclos'd, and there having not been any ships of the Comp[s] : of Late from this Port lett out to freight on those Voyages, wee are to seek as to the Customes in some matters, w[ch] : you'l see by the contract is referred to your Decision you having had severall ships of the Comp[s] : that has went from your Fort to Persia.

The freighters Desire and wee the same y[t] : you'l countenance and assist the ship in Dispatching her buisiness, as if she went on the Comp[as] : acco[t] : for an early dispatch is of great Importance to the Company for if she returns hither some time in June, she may have a very good ffreight for China and be dispatch't in ffebruary following for England.

This ship had been sooner dispatch'd to you but wee have had a Troublesome Neighbour here att S[t] : Thoma the Nabob Dowd Cawne w[th] : his army who has given great Trouble and hindred a great deal of Business on this Coast as soon as he came Thither wee sent the People to waite upon him with the Usuall Present, who return'd itt, and expected no less summ than Ten Thousand Pagodas or else, what he would do, so wee prepared for our Defence, he daily Threatning he would al [. . .] off, Cap[t] : Lambert can give the whole Narration of this matter to whom wee referr you. Wee are

S[rs] :

Your humble Servants

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Fort S[t] : George
21[st] : July 1701.

Wee here inclose the Phœnix's charterparty w^{ch}: wee desire you to send by the ship to the Agent and Councill in Gumbroon and that they be wrote to return by her.

Whereas in the first part of your letter wee advised you of Three Hundred Thousand Rupees to be sent you, but there comes no more than two hundred eighty seven Thousand. The Govern^{r}: is gone to Fort S^{t}: David in ship Bedford whose return expect in 20 days. Wee are,

Hon: S^{rs}:
Your humble servants
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL P^{R}: SHIP PHŒNIX.

N^{o}: 1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter, dated 21st: & 23rd: July 1701.
2. Copy of Ditto's, dated 24th: June 1701.
3. Invoice of ship Phœnix for Bengall.
4. Bill Ladeing of D^{o}: Ship.
5. Ship's Advice Frigott's 2nd: Bill of Ladeing.
6. Copy of the Agreement for ffreightment of ship Phœnix or Suratt.
7. Charterparty of ship Phœnix to be forwarded to the Agent and Councill in Gumbroon, if the ship proceeds y^{e}: Voyage.
8. List of the Pacquett.

N^{o}: 50.

TO CAP^{T}: THO^{S}: LAMBERT COMMAD^{R}: OF SHIP PHŒNIX.

Your ship being hired by Mr. John Affleck and Cojah Paulo on ffreight to Surat or Persia, as by the Copy of the Contract delivered you.

You are hereby required to follow the Advice of the Presid^{t}: and Council of Bengall and such orders as you shall receive from time to time from the ffreighters dureing this Voyage, Conformable to the said Contract: Wee wish you a good voyage and date these in Fort S^{t}: George. This 22^{d}: July 1701.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^{o}: 51.

TO THE WORSHIPF^{LL}: EDW^{D}: OWEN, ESQ^{R}:
AGENT AND COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMP^{A}: IN PERSIA.

S^{rs}:

Haveing ffreighted out ship Phœnix Cap^{t}: Thomas Lambert Command^{r}: to M^{r}: John Affleck and Cojah Paulo, wee have referr'd the privilledg of four horses thirty chests of wine, and Rose Water, and four Candy of all sorts of fruit, which wee request you'l lay on board for this place, ℗ acco^{t}: of the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: charging us wth: the same, Our Govern^{r}: is gone to Fort S^{t}: Davids whom wee expect in 15 or 20 days. Wee are

Worship^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your humble Serv^{ts}:
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.

Fort S^{t}: George 23^{d} July 1701.

N°: 52.

FORT ST: GEORGE 27 JULY 1701.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMS: PITT, ESQR: PRESIDT: AND GOVERNR:
OF FORT ST: GEORGE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL AND
SUMATRA &CA: HIS COUNCILL.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

This comes in the first place to congratulate your Honrs: &ca: safe arrivall att Fort St: Davids and to acquaint that ship Phœnix was dispatchd on Thursday the 24 and sayld in the night wth: our Pacquet for Bengall, a short Letter to Gombroon concerning the horses, omitted to be wrote before your Departure, and two hundred Eighty seven Thousand Rupees on the Rtt: Honble: Companys accot:

Wednesday arriv'd Letters from the Kings Camp translate comes herewith to wch: referr, they are off a teedious Length, and could not be translated in less time otherwise your Honr: had had them sooner, the same Evening happned a sad accident, the centry att stair head walking to and fro wth: his peice on his arm, struck the corner of the wall wth: the Butt end as he turn'd himself about, off itt went att half bent, and shott a poor Cooley boy's head all to shatters, a spectacle seldom seen upon which the man was committed into the Marshalls Custody and his punishment deferrd till your Honrs: return.

Yesterday the Mullah arriv'd from the Camp, and brought the Duan's Perwannah, with severall Copys chopd by the Codjee one whereof wee remitt your Honr: wth: translates of itt, and two news Letters receiv'd since your Departure.

This day wee received a Letter from Fort St: David, dated the 24 Instant adviseing their haveing drawn two Bills of Exchange on us for Pags: 1400 payable to Sunca Rama which shall be [. . .] when the bills are pre [. . .] Polligar to which wee can say nothing too, but referr itt to your Honr: &ca: being upon the place Wee are.

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your Obedient faithfull Servants
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO FORT ST: DAVID.

N°: 1 Fort St: George Generall, dated 27 July 1701.
2 Translate of Duan Mahomet Sydes Perwanna.
3 Copy of Ditto's Perwanna chopt: by the Codjee.
4 Translate of severall Letters received from the spy Braminy.
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- Translate of severall papers received from our Vaqueels at the Kings Court.
- Two Letters from Mahomud Hussain.
- One Ditto from Juddaroy Sr: John Gayers Vaqueel.
- Translate of a Petition from the Governr: of Chinapatam to Assid Cawn.
- Denard Cawn Suba or Surat Letter to the King wth: his Majesties answer to each paragraph.
- Sr: John Gayer and President Colts Petition to the Mogull.
}
6 List of the Pacquett.

N°: 53.

To the Hon^ble: Thom^s: Pitt, Esq^r:
Presid^t: & Govern^r: of Fort S^t: George
Coast of Choromandell &c^a: his Councill.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

Your Hon^rs: &c^a: dated the 29^th: July wee received the 31^st: Ditto which requires no answer.

This serves to accomp^a: Copys of a Gen^ll: Letter, and contract received last night from Metchlep^m: wherein the[y] contradicted the buying Brampore chints and [. . .] in the List sent by ship Dutchess w^ch: wee apprehend they term a contradiction wee would write them the contrary, but expect[ing] your Hon^r: &c^a: will be here in a few days deferr itt till that time.

Wee understand this morning the Duan arrived att the Mount, to whom Nicholo Manuch was sent to Administer his best assistance towards the recovery of his health, so wishing your Hon^r: &c^a: health and a happy return concludes this from

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your Most humble servants
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Thomas Marshall.

N°: 54.

Fort S^t: George 13^th: August 1701.

To M^r: John Foquett Cheif &c^a:
Councill att Metchlepatam.

S^rs:

Wee received yours of the 26^th: and 31^st: past and cannot but admire att the misconstructions you put upon our orders, but certainly you only cursorily read our Letters but never consider the purport of them.

In ours of the 12^th: March last wee promis'd you a supply by the first oppertunity and recommended to you the makeing provision for a new Investment, and for the sorts of Goods wee referr'd you to a list sent October last wherein wee remember you were ordered to provide what fine Longcloth, and sheets you could, and all Chint and chey Goods forbid, by reason of the prohibiting act, but after the arrivall of the Hampsheire, wee [. . .] on the 29^th: May when remitt [. . .] of chey Goods, some Romalls, and ten Thousand peices of Brampore Chints.

By the Dutchess, and Phœnix wee received a Generall Letter of what Goods our Masters would have bought upon this Coast, and took out of itt what sorts wee found therein, of w^ch: wee had not before orderd you to make your Investments for which reason wee say in our Letter by the Dutchess these very words Vizt: Wee here inclose a List of the Goods which the Comp^a: desires from your Factory as also their opinion of severall sorts, and desire that you'l keep up to itt as near as possible, which wee find not contradictory to what they wrote us by the Hampsheire w^ch: wee remitted you, but be sure to remember to leave out Longcloth, and sheets In which List of the Company fine Longcloth, and sheets were forbid by reason they were soe extravagantly dear, and bad of their sorts, and if they had recall'd their order about Brampore Chints and Romalls, wee most certainly would have advisd you of itt, and wee thought wee had spoke plain enough to men of tollerable apprehension, when wee wrote that that list was not to contradict what wee formerly since the arrivall of this years shipping; therefore to prevent more mistakes buy the ten Thousand peices of Brampore

Chints, and the ten Thousand peices Cotton Romalls, but lett 'em be the sorts in all Respects you were order'd as also the Chey Goods.

Wee sent not down Narrain to exercise any Authority but to assist you in your buisiness w[ch]: wee find you extremly want, otherwise shou'd avoid putting the Comp[a]: to that charge, for the first Investment [. . .] which was [. . .] than what you have done since, and if the spirit of ffaction and contradiction does not prevaile wee hope to find the [good] effects of his service now.

The takeing in Longcloth, and sheets for the September ship is not to be avoided by reason they were bespoke before wee received any orders to the contrary, and your Merchants had given out money for them but by your authority or good management you might have prevented the Merchants given out money for the Golcondah Betteelas, you alledging that to be the reason for takeing them their haveing given out the money.

Your resolutions for stopping the Dustore in Jan[ry]: wee approve off.

To the particular clause in yo[r]: Letter wherein you say that by your late orders wee forbid buying Brampore Chints, and Romalls, wee positively deny itt, and wrote that that List was not to contradict what wee before order'd, and if the Comp[a]: suffers in their Investment, It must be imputed to your weakness, and want of apprehension.

Wee have perus'd your contract, w[ch]: in severall respects, wee cannot but dislike, for whereas the Company writes that they gett little or nothing by Dimmitys, and therefore order but one Thousand peices, you have contracted for Two Thousand seven hundred, and the same in Izarees on w[ch]: there is rather loss than Gain for w[ch]: reason they have order'd but [. . .] sixteen Hundred, and they likewise forbid Sarcergunty Romalls, of w[ch]: you have contracted for Two Thousand, and those sort Romalls [you] call Bengall, wee hope are the sort the Company [orders] w[ch]: are cotton Romalls of the squareness wee formerly wrote you; otherwise wee know not how to answer the sending them.

Amongst the Goods that are forbid to be sent you see that there are Ordinary Chints by w[ch]: is meant those of 21 or 22 Pag[s]: corge and the others are so dear that they will not sell for prime cost. Wee therefore recommend it to you to endeavour to retreive this great crime of yours by leaving out part of the Demmitys, Izzarees and all the Sacergunty Romalls Brampore Chints and all other such Goods the Comp[a]: has ordered.

As for the Present to the Governour you must use the best terms you can in w[ch]: wee recommend you to be as frugall as you can, as also in your Present to Fuckrula Cawn if there be a necessity to give him any.

When the Dutchess arrive w[th]: you wee would have you not to detain her longer than three days or as much less as you can. Wee are

S[RS]:

Your very Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 55.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 19TH: AUGUST 1701.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: JOHN BEARD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}
COUNCILL IN BENGALL ATT FORT WILLIAM.

S^{rs}:

Wee wrote you by the Phœnix copy whereof comes inclos'd wth: her 2nd: bill Ladeing and this is to advise you that wee have laden on the Bedford as p^{r}: Invoyce & Bill Ladeing 44 Chests, containing Three hundred Thousand Rupees, which was all wee could gett coin'd, for that as yett wee cannot persuade them to fall into the use of the mills and presses sent us from England.

There are 586 Piggs of Lead on board, w^{ch}: remain by reason wee have great quantitys here, and cannot dispose of itt for seaven Pag^{s}: ℔ Candy, so that if your markett will reach that price, wee desire you to take itt ashore, and credit us for the same, otherwise to return itt on the ship.

Wee shall use our endeavours to gett the Black and white stone for your chappell, and will send itt you soon after Christmass.

Wee stand in great want of wax for the Comp^{as}: service which wee desire you to supply us wth: if possible.

Wee have lately received Letters from the West Coast, who seems still to be in want of stores all sort[s] and money, and whereas wee desired you to send the Josiah Ketch in Septemb^{r}: wee now request you, to send on her Twenty or Thirty good slaves, if procurable, and if possible a Portugueez Padre he being extreamly wanted there w^{ch}: would give great satisfaction [to] the Portugueez soldiers in that place.

[. . .] more than her Kent[ilage] her Charterparty is inclos'd w^{ch}: wee desire you to [retain]

The fine Raynes wee have lately had, in all probability promises great plenty of Grain in these parts, so there will be no need of your sending us any, unless itt be fifty maund of very good Surat Wheat, Wee supposeing the Westerly winds put by those ships from this Port, and are gone to yours, if so wee desire you to supply us wth: that quantity for wee extreamly want it.

Wee here againe remind you of our former request, that you assist us what you can wth: Bales towards the loading the Bedford.

When you send the Josia Ketch for the West Coast, wee desire you to send for the Comp^{s}: acc^{t}: four hundred peices of Taffities, red, strip'd, and changeable five hundred peices of ordinary Cossas and a thousand peices of Garras 36 Coveds long white, and 400 peices of Maulda Elatches 14 Coveds long and if possible send two Chests of long Mexico Dollars w^{ch}: wee hope you may procure of the French or New Company they being in great want of money att the West Coast, and none of that sort to be had near us, and in lieu wee promise by the first ship thirteen Thousand Rupees to make up six hundred Thousand in all sent you hence this year. Wee are.

Hon^{bls}: &c^{a}:
Your humble Servants
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.

Wee earnestly recommend to you the inclosd clause of the Comp^{s}: Generall Letter to us about the Eggs of silk worms and that you'l carefully send some by the first.

List of stores wanted [. . .] Garrison to be sent from Bengal [. . .] ℘ Ship Bedford.

Tissinda Sugar	30 baggs.
Oyl	100 Jarrs.
Butter	30 Jarrs.
Wax-cloth	10 Bales.
Gunnys	2,000 peices.
Rope	40 Candy.
Twine	5 Candy.
Rice but not so course as formerly sent ...	1,000 Maund.
Saltpetre	3,000 Baggs.
Wax	30 Maund.

List of the Pacquett to Bengall ℘ ship Bedford Viz^{t}:

N^{o}:
1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter dated 19th August 1701.
2. Copy Ditto dat^{d}: 21st: and 23^{d}: July 1701.
3. Ship Phœnix 2nd: bill ladeing.
4. Invoyce of ship Bedford.
5. Bill ladeing Ditto ship.
6. Copy Ditto ship's charterparty.
7. List of Stores wanting in Fort S^{t}: George ℘ Bedford from Bengall.
8. List of the Pacquett.

N^{o}: 56.

To Cap^{t}: John Hudson
Comman^{dr}: of Ship Bedford.

Haveing laden on board your ship what design'd you are orderd on receipt thereof to repair aboard and wth the first oppertunity of wind and weather to weigh anchor, and sett sayle, and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of Bengall where when arrived you are to deliver our Pacquett herewith [delivered] you as [directed to the] Hon^{ble}: [. . . . John] Beard Esq^{r}: [whose orders you are to follow] for your [lade]ing and further proceeding, Wee wish you a [good voyage] and date these in Fort S^{t}: George this 20th: August [1701]

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N^{o}: 57.

Fort S^{t}: George, 21 August 1701.

To the Hon^{ble}: John Beard Esq^{r}: Presid^{t}:
& Govern^{r}: of Fort W^{m}: &c^{a}: Councill.

S^{rs}:

Here comes inclos'd a List of ffreight Goods on board ship Bedford, w^{ch}: wee desire you'l take care to receive according to the rates mention'd, but not demanding anything for what Treasure &c^{a}: Laden by Coja Paulo, he dispatching the Phœnix upon our desire and therefore could not gett ready then what he now sends Wee are.

S^{rs}:
Your Humble Servants

Thomas Pitt. Matthew Empson.
Francis Ellis. Thomas Marshall.
Thomas Wright. John Meverell.

N°: 58.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE, 23^D^: AUGUST 1701.

TO THE HON^BLE^: S^R^: JOHN GAYER
KNIGHT GENERALL OF INDIA &C^A^:
COUNCILL ATT SURATT.

S^rs^:

Our last to you was on the 15th: Aprill copy whereof comes inclos'd, since which received yours of y^e^: 29th: March on the 17th: May w^th^: the papers inclos'd according to List and admire att nothing therein containd [. . .] much as [. . .] S^r^. W^m^. [. . .] Noris's treat [. . .]

[. . .] The generalls that was [as] sign'd hither (for [. . .] to buy her att the West Coast wee hear nothing [. . .] supposeing her voyage was altered or that the Westerly winds below her off, and she is gone to Bengall.

Nor has there arrived here any ship from your Coast, so that wee extreamly want the Wheat, and salloes, and likewise wonder what's become of M^r^: Daniel Du Bois.

Wee have wrote to Bengall, and have requested their sending the Josia Ketch next month loaden with stores &c^a^: for the West Coast, being advis'd by a small Vessell they sent over hither, which arriv'd about 20 days since, that those places in all respects were very weak, and much necessitated for money, although they have drawn on us since Christmass last above Thirty Thousand Dollars.

Wee are heartly sorry for the misfortune of the Generall and his Lady &c^a^: Gentlemen, and hope ere this their confinement are taken off, notwithstanding the endeavours of S^r^: Nicholas and S^r^: William to continue the same.

Wee are glad to hear the dispatch of the Loyall Merchant and Tavestock, w^ch^: pray God send to come safe.

Cap^t^: Rayns wrote the President by Cap^t^: Perrin who mett him off Goa by w^ch^: wee were advised that the design of Doctor Davenant was layd asid.

Your Pacquett to Bengall wee immediately dispatchd w^th^: Copys of the papers you sent us.

[. . .] has receivd letter from [. . .] has met with the [. . .] sent hence for intelligence, They give an account [. . .] William Norris drives on Jehu like to obtain a [. . .] for our privilledges and settlements but mee [t with] unexpected opposition notwithstanding his stilleing himself the King's brother's son, and the vast sums of money he expends. Wee need not trouble you with the particulars of his proceedings by reason wee know you have itt from your own people.

On the 27th: May here arriv'd the Hampsheir Burthen 375 Tons Zachary Tovey Commander with a Cargoe amounting to £62718: 13: 1 which ship wee have lett out to hire to China, and on the 15th: June here arrived the Josia Cap^t^: Pye who calld here in her way to Bengall to advise us off a considerable Pyrat being abroad called the Speaker, who they chasd off S^t^: Lawrence where the Pyrats took her as she was buying Negroes. The ship is 4 or 500 Tuns carrys thirty odd Guns, and the Pyrats putt in one hundred and fifty men, and it's said they are bound to the Red seas. To the men that belong'd to the ship that would not goe in her they gave a small ship to transport them where they pleas'd and a Certificate Copy whereof comes inclosd; the Josia mett with the small Vessell att Johanna, and supposes is gone to Bengall. The Dutchess Burthen 450 Tons arrived here the 10th: June with a Cargoe amounting to £58308: 72 who is gone [to] Metchlepatam, and Vizagapatam to bring up the Goods [from] those places, and hope shall Lade her home the latter [. . .] September or biginning of October, The 17th: D°: the Bedford Burthen 750 Tons Cap^t^: Hudson arrived here [with] a Cargoe amounting to £ 104974:27 about about 70,000 [. . .] of wee have sent by her, and Phœnix to Bengall [. . .] the former wee hope to lade home in January. Th [. . .] here arrivd Cap^t^: Thomas Lambert in the Phœnix [. . .] 400 Tons [. . .] fearing wee shall [. . .] to compass the loading those wee intend, [. . .] Dutchess, Bedford, & Advice Frigot, by reason h [. . .]. Investments made on the Coast by the Dutch and [French] more particular by the former, besides

what is done by the new Company so that wee believe in a little time Goods will rise in these parts as they have with you and in Bengall.

The two ships of our Masters that are gone to Bengall are the Josia, and Sidney, on wch. there is about two Thousand Pounds.

The new Company have three ships arrived on this side and all gone to Bengall vizt: the Bengall Merchant, Strutan and Degrave, the latter comeing to an anchor off Maddapollam their Pinace going ashore oversett, in which there was one Mr: Du Paz, his son wth: severall of the new Comps: servants in all wth: the Boats Crew to the Number of sixteen, fourteen whereof were drownd, and the two saved were of the boats crew, tis reported there was to a considerable value lost.

Wee here inclose a Paragraph of the Comps: Letter to us relateing to the consulary power. They also acquaint us of the good condition of their affairs at home and the hope they have of their good success att the setting of the new Parliament which wee heartily wish, and that your Honr: &ca: may gett clear of your present troubles & confinement wee are.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Your very Affectionate Freinds & humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

[P.S.] [W]ee desire you forward the [inc]losed Letter to Persia by the [first] oppertunity.

LIST [OF FORT ST:] GEORGE PACQUEETT TO SURAT VIZT:

No: 1. Fort St: [George] Generall Letter to Suratt datd: 23d: May 1701.
2. Copy Ditto [. . .] datd: 15th: Aprill 1701.
3. Copy Ditto to Surat Do: date.
4. Copy of the Pyratts certificate to ship Speakers men for their takeing said ship.
5. Copy Paragraph of the Comps: Letter to Fort St: George datd: 20th: November 1701.
6. Letter directed to the Agent of Persia.
7. List of the Pacqueet.

No: 59.

TO THE WORSHIPFll: EDWd: OWEN ESQR: AGENT &CA: COUNCILL ATT PERSIA.

FORT ST: GEORGE, 23D: AUGST: 1701.

Srs:

The Company haveing sent out this year more ships than wee are able to lade home wee have lett out to Freight to Mr: John Affleck and Coja Paulo for Bengall, and Persia the Phœnix Capt: Thomas Lambert Commdr: burthen 400 Tons, on which wee have reserv'd the priviledg of bringing four horses, Twenty four Chests of wi[ne], six of Rosewater, and four Candy all sorts of Persia fruits Vizt: Almonds, Kesmisses, Raysons &ca: wch: wee desire to buy and send us on said ship for accot: of the Rt: Honble: Company and charge us wth: the amount thereof.

Wee desire that the Horses may be handsome and sound, for that want them not only [for] use but sometimes for Presents, and the wine Rose [water] and fruits to be the best of their sorts, having th[e . . .] occasion for them: here is arrived this year of our ships the Advice Frigott, Hampsheire, which we [sent] out for Chi[na] Dutchess, Bedford, and Phœnix Josia Ketch . .

[The Advice] Frigot, and Dutchess we hope to dispatch home [at the b]eginning of Octbbr: next & the Bedford the la[end of] January.

Wee have severall ships att your Port belonging to this place, of whom wee have no manner of news as yett. Wee are

Srs:

Your Affectionate Freinds & humble servants,

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

No: 60.

Fort St: George, 26th: Augst: 1701.

To John Haynes Esqr: Dep: Governr: &ca:
Councill att Fort St: David.

Srs:

Wee received yours of the 13th : and 22nd : Inst: wth: the Invoyce, and bill Ladeing for what came on the Bedford.

The horses came well hither but you forgott to send the Copy of the Perwanna wth: them you have also overcharg'd the Horses to us, for they are not worth more than 120 Pags: and the little bay you formerly sent hither & charg'd itt att 175 Pags: was not worth 40, being old and worn out.

For John Francklin, you were best give him service who wee beleive can inform what is become of the other men that left the ship.

Wee observe what bales you have made up and desire you would hasten the increasing of them and daily call on your Merchants to bring in their good for that wee intend to send the Advice ffrigot the latter end [. . .] month to [. . .] hundred bales, and so [. . .].

Wee here inclose our Licence for Padre Paulo who wee [. . .] to his utmost endeavours to gett us Padre [for the west co]ast, and you may publish that what familys are willing to goe thither shall have accommodation of transportation, and soe likewise for the soldiers of wch: none are to goe but such as desire itt.

Wee have pay'd your Bill of 118pa : 10fa: 3ca: and Capt: Hudson has payd into Cash the [2] Pags: for Plank. Wee are

Srs:

Your very Affectionate Freinds

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

P.S.—John Rosciture a soldier the Govr: left behind him is indebted to the Compa: three Pags: and ten Fanams, which you must stop out of his monthly pay and bring the same to ye: Comps: accot:

N°: 61.

FORT ST: GEORGE, AUGST: 27TH: 1701.

TO MR: JOHN FOQUETT CHEIFE &CA:
COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Yours of the 12th: Instant wee received [ye] 23d: our last to you was on the 23d: pr: Cosseds, Copy of wch: [wee] have sent you pr: boat, which is an answer to most [parts] of your last Letter.

Wee are sorry to find you so bac[kward] in your investment, but amongst the many reasons [you] give for itt, you might have left out the late receipt of your money, for that you were supplied hence [. . .] to lay the foundation of a large investment but [. . .] what you [. . .] short our expectation in sen [. . .]

[. . .] your two bills, one for three hundred and fifty [and the] other for a Thousand thirty three Pags: and twenty [. . .] fanams.

Rather than disappoint us of any bales that are procurable you may send them up brown in the method you mention.

Wee have perus'd the papers wch: mentions what will be due on your contracts if the Merchants perform them, and have likewise perus'd your accot: of Cash and shall take care to supply you by all oppertunitys and if any offer you may charge them upon us.

Wee approve of your buying the Pipe of wine, and Butt of Arrack, but wish that your management in your Investment will bear such extraordinary expences.

Here being a Boat bound to your Port we have sent you five thousand Pagodas Madrass under the care of three of our Peons and your two wch: brought us your last letters. We are

Srs:
Your very Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT. MATTHEW EMPSON.
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS MARSHALL.
THOMAS WRIGHT. JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 62.

FORT ST: GEORGE, 27th: AUGST: 1701.

[TO] STEPHEN FREWEN CHIEF &CA:
[COUN]CILL ATT MADDAPOLLAM.

Srs:

Yours of the 9th: Instant wee received ye: 23d: with the inclos'd papers mentioned. The List in wch: [. . .] many for bid [*a line torn* c]loth, and sheets was remitted [. . .].

Wee observe the contract you have made for the [. . .] wch amounts to a poor sum to bear soe great a [. . .] remedy for which shall very suddainly consider of, for there must be no more fine Longcloth and sheets bought.

But iff you can, be sure to gett in the Dustore that is due, or the Company will charge itt to your accot: and doubt not but in a little time shall call Woolston to accot: for the Dustore, and other miscariages. We are

Srs:
Your very Affectionate Friends

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 63.

Fort S^t : George, 9^{th}: Sept: 1701.

To John Haynes Esq^r : Depty : Govr : &ca :
Councill : of Fort S^t : David.

S^{rs} :

Wee received yours of the 3^d : Instant: if the weather does not permitt to wash so much [cloth] as to make up the number of bales for the Advice Frigott you must then pack brown Longcloth and salampores ordinary but take care to make good package for th[is] is but a small ship.

Wee are willing to allow 5 or 6 dol[lars ℔] month to a Padre that shall goe to the West Coast [and] shall likewise order the Dep: Govern^r: and Councill [to be] very civill to him, and wee are allso resolv'd to all[ow the] Portugueez soldiers 2 Pag^s : p^r: month whereas [. . .] before was but 60 fanams.

Wee here send you an acco^t: of [. . .] pay our [*a line torn*] w^{ch} : of more [. . .] cloth much better [than they] doe, notwithstanding your water is much [. . .] ours, so that if you encrease their pay in [. . .] ment their number, and prevent their going [to the French] and Dutch, you must enjoyne them to wash better than formerly.

Wee observe what you write about Rago \aigue, and the ffrench, and when anything new offers relatteing to that matter, pray advise us.

Wee think itt very necessary that you had convenient Granaries built but since itt has been delay'd so long, wee will have itt deferr'd till the next year and in the meantime desire you'l find out some convenient place for the Lodgeing of about 100 Garse of Paddy w^{ch} : wee would have you buy in att the cheapest time, for the Garison ought not to be without that store.

Wee desire you to continue your Importunitys to your Merchants to bring in their Goods for if they faile of 800 bales, the Bedford must go home dead ffreighted. Wee are

S^{rs} :

Your Assured Freinds and humble Servants,

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N°: 64.

Fort S^r: George, Sep^r: the 12^{th}: 1701.

[To] Richard Watts Esq^r : Dep :
Governour &ca : Councill att York [Fort].

S^{rs} :

Our last to you was of the 24^{th} : of June and 4^{th}: of past month by Cap^t : Phrip in the Sarum, by [which] wee have se[nt you] considerable stores, Copy of [which]inclo[sed] [sin]ce w^{ch} : wee receive[d yours of the] 28^{th}: June wth : all books and papers according [. . .] the Expedition Sloop, who arrived here the 9^{th} of [past month]

The pepper you sent on her came out very wett and foul, in so much that when it is dried and clean'd, itt will fall short in weight considerably w^{ch} : wee shall advise p^r : Advice Frigot.

Wee observe what you write concerning the ill behaviour of Cap^t: Apprice and have perusd all y^e: papers thereunto relateing from w^{ch}: wee much doubt

wether he intends for England, he having acted so contrary to his charterparty for w^{ch}: he must be accountable to his owners, who most certainly must make sattisfaction to the Company, for all his trangressions, and wee hope they will handle him so, as to deter others from doing the like.

Wee have also perus'd your Letter to the Company in w^{ch}: wee see you have writt them very fully concerning the circumstances of your tender settlements, [which] cannot be better'd but by your Masters sending from England directly to you supplys of men, money and stores w^{ch}: would come out much cheaper, than us sending [things] procurable from this place.

Our Letters received by this years [ship]ping, the Company say nothing of their Intentions [of send]ing a ship to your Port though wee hope they will [. . .] thereof.

Wee here send you in Company [with the] Expedition the Mary Sloop being an English Lo [. . .] built upon well fitted, and stord, as p^{r}: List encl [osed] ffinch Sherw[in] is Master of her, whose wages &c^{a}: [*a line torn*] [. . .] on the Expedition Bales our sallampores [. . .] Longcloth wth: w^{t}: stores we could gett ready, and [. . .] all to the amount 5569^{Pags}: 27^{fa}: 3^{Ca}: as p^{r}: Invoice and bill Ladeing inclos'd and w^{t}: remains that you wrote for, and is procurable here, shall be sent you on the Advice Frigott, Burthen 130 Tons whom wee daily expect from Bengall, wee intending to Lade on her Two hundred Bales, and send her to you the beginning of the next month to fill up wth: pepper, and be dispatch'd for England.

Wee can't but admire at the price of this sloope you have sent, w^{ch}: wee are confident here would not sell for three hundred Pags^{s}: besides she came so ill provided of everything that the stores wee have spar'd her here, and her men's wages amounts to farr more than the ffreight of that little pepper she brought, and yett without you meet wth: a chapman to sell her again wee can't see how you can better employ her than imediately to return her hither wth: pepper, and fetch you stores, and had she arriv'd but a month sooner, might have sav'd us the ffreight wee pay'd Cap^{t}: Phrip.

Wee desire you not to fail of giveing us an ample account of the currency of these Fanams, and to w^{t}: amount wee may send you yearly, that so wee may provide them beforehand and wish you had given your reasons, why you prohibited the sending any more of those Dollars you carried hence they being full matt and Weight.

Wee have us'd our uttmost endeavours to gett a Portugueez Padre, but have not as yett been able to prevaile wth: any to come to your parts, though now the Padre of Fort S^{t}: David[s] gives us hopes of getting one [*a line torn*] six Dollars p^{r}: month [. . .]

Wee observe what you write about the great [quantitys of pe]pper procurable, if you had money to pay [for them and] wish : you could introduce the bartereing of Longcloth &c^{a}: Goods of this Coast for that commodity and then you should be sure never to faile haveing a stock by you for that purpose.

You write us that the Northern Rajahs had cutt off some of the Dutch, and were inclin'd to extirpate their Interest in those parts w^{ch}: would make way for our Masters to have settlements there, if so inclin'd, wee beleive they will think they have enough allready, when they see your large draughts of money on us and still you say you are considerably in arrears.

Wee approve your takeing in Cap^{t}: Vernon as an Assistant to the storekeeper, but wee think the allowance you give is a little of the largest, consider[ing] how go d an employment he has besides.

Wee have paid the severall Bills you drew upon us amounting to peices of 8/8 seven Thousand eight hundred forty six and one sooka.

Wee commend your timely Mediat[ion in] preventing that rupture w^{ch}: threatned you by the [depra]dation of a Dupatty up the river, who you say [took up]a family of one of the Neighbouring Towns, w^{ch}: wee [hope] you have taken care to see restor'd.

Wee shall remitt Capt: Apprices [. . .] to the Company, wth: an acco t: of his ill behaviour.

Wee earnestly recommend to you [. . .] sending us pepper by all oppertunitys. for the [. .] more [. . .] our hands this [*lines torn*] than [. . .]

[. .] cash can be gott ready, shall be sent you on the [Advice Frig] ott, and for the future wee will keep stores by [. .] you by all Oppertunitys expecting by your next [you'l] inform us of the quantity you can dispose off yearly. Wee are

Srs:

Your very Affectionate Freinds.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF FORT St: GEORGE PACQUETT TO YORK FORT pr: SLOOP EXPEDITION VIZT.

No: 1. Fort St: George Generall Letter to York Fort datd: 12th July 1701.
2. Copy Ditto. datd: 24 June 1701.
3. Copy the President &ca: att ffort St: David datd: 4th: Augst: 1701.
4. Copy Invoice ship Sarum.
5. 2nd: Bill Ladeing Do.
6. Copy List of Sloop Marys stores.
7. Accot: wages, and Imprest pd: sloops Expedition & Marys men.
8. Invoice of sloop Expedition
9. Bill Ladeing Ditto sloop.
10. List of stores furnish'd said sloop.
11. List of Medicines pr: Ditto sloop.
12. Copy Fort St: George Genll: Letter to Tryamong datd: 13th: Sepr: 1701
13. List of the Pacquett.

LIST OF THE FORT St: GEORGE PACQUETT TO YORK FORT pr: SLOOP MARY VIZT:

No: 1. Copy Fort St: George Generall Letter to York Fort dated 12 Sepr: 1701.
2. Copy ship Sarums Invoice.
3. List of Sloop Marys stores.
4. Copy accot: wages & Imprest payd: sloops Expedition & Marys men [*a line torn*]

No: 65.

FORT ST. George September 13th: 1701.

To Mr: NATHll: EYT[ON GOVERNr: &cA:]
COUNCIL ATT TRYAMONG.

Srs:

Our last to you was the 24 of June by Capt: Phrip in the Sarum, Copy of wch: comes inclos'd, since wch: wee received yours of the 19th: of June last by the Expedition Sloop, who arriv'd here the 9th: of past month.

Wee observe the good character you give Raja Macoota, being sincere in our Masters Interest, to whom wee would have you give all manner of encouragement, as also to those, by whose means you may not only secure a Present but a future Interest.

The unhappy fate of the Dutch att Indrapore, who you say are all cutt off, wee hope will caution you how you putt any manner of confidence in the Nati [ves] who will be ready to do the like to you, if you give th[em] an oppertunity,

and had the Letter reach'd the hands of the Dutch, so as to preserve their lives, from which you must not have expected on any occasion a suitable [reply].

Wee observe for what end you have entertaine'd 30 Mallays, and wee are of your opinion, that ['tis] much cheaper to maintain a place when once poss[ssed than to] regain itt after tis lost.

Wee are sorry that wee can't send you supplys for the carrying on the civill, and millitary [. . .] as your circumstances require, but hope the comp[any] who can do itt much cheaper from England ha[s] plentifull supplys of all sorts, this last year.

Whereas formerly we compell'd [. . .] soldiers to go hence to serve in your parts, which[. . .]desert the [*a line torn*] incouragement [. . .] their pay to two Pagodas p^{r}: month, and [are endeavouring] to gett a Portugueez Padre to come up [by the Advi] ce Frigot, who will be dispatched to you the [begining]of next month, and hope shall prevaile with some familys to accompany him, and shall if possible gett you a chirurgeon to come upon that ship.

Wee observe the reason you give for pepper falling short in your parts of what itt has formerly, occasioned by many applying themselves to the Planting of cotton, which you must discourage by all prudent means whatever, or otherwise your settlement will be but of little use in few years.

Wee observe the particular account you give of your settlements, with the quantitys of pepper they produce but you say the badness of the barrs, renders itt dangerous and allmost impossible to ship it of; there are no places where the barrs are so very bad, but that att some time of the year they are tollerable, when the pepper should be brought off and deposited att the convenient place on your Coast for shipping off and how to send you Mussoolas, and Chellingals hence wee cant imagin, and then ti's impossible to prevaile wth: the Boatemen to come upon them, it haveing been often attempted but to no purpose.

Wee have and shall send you all manner of supplys wee can procure by this Vessell, and the Advice Frigot, att this time here are no slaves to be bought on this Coast, only three Coffrees wee accidentally meett with, but wee have wrote to Bengall to send some [if possible] here [. .] this Vessell can [assaign . .] particulars of which is here inclosed, with [Copys of L]etter to York Fort so that this Vessell to[uch first] att your Fort, you may take out what you [want,] but not so as to streighten those att York Fort.

Wee have entertained Francis Collyer Chirurgeon for Tryamong att five Pagodas p^{r}: Mensem you allowing him dyett according to Custom, who proceeds now on sloop Expedition. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your very Affectionate Friends.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

List of Fort S^{t}: George Pacqueett to [T]ryamong p^{r}: sloop Expedition Viz^{t}:

N^{o}. 1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter to [T]ryamong dat^{d} : 13th : 7^{br}: 1701.
2. Copy Ditto dat^{d} : 24th: June 1701.
3. Copy Invoice of sloop Expedition.
4. Copy Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter to York Fort dat^{d} 12th : 7^{br} ; 1701.
5. List of the Pacqueett.

N°: 66.

To Thomas Hodnson Master
of sloop Expedition.

Upon receipt hereof you are to repaire on board, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather, weigh anchor, sett sail, and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining the Port of Bencoolen York Fort where when arrived, you are to deliver our Pacquett as directed to the Deputy Governor and Councill [of York] Fort whose [orders you are to follow for your further proceeding butt if you fall in] with Tryamong [first, deliver] our Pacquett Directed to the Cheife, and Cou[ncill there] and such part of the Cargoe as they shall require [and there] being reason to fear wee have Warrs with Fra[nce] wee order you to speak wth: no ship att sea, if possible to be avoided dated in Fort S^{t}: George this 17th: day of September 1701.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N°: 67.

To James Finch Sherwin
Master of sloop Mary

Upon Receipt hereof you are ordered to repair on board, and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather, weigh anchor sett sayle, and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining the Port of Bencoolen, York Fort, where when arrived, you are to deliver our Pacquett as directed to the Governour and Councill of York Fort whose orders you are to follow for your further proceeding butt if you fall in with Tryamong first, deliver our Pacquett directed to the Chief and Councill there and such part of your Cargoe as they shall require, and there being reason to fear wee have wars wth: France, wee order you to speak with no ship at sea if possible to be avoided dated in Fort S^{t}: George this 17th: day of September 1701.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N°: 68.

Fort S^{t}: George 25th: September 1701.

To the Hon^{ble}: John [Beard Esq.]
Presid^{t}: and Govern^{r}: [of]
Fort William &c^{a}: [Council]
Calcutta.

S^{r}:

Wee received the inclosed by Cap^{t}: Tyler from Bombay, who will give you an account of the news in those parts, and particularly how itt has fared wth: our Persia ships, and wish itt may be better with our Mocha ships of which as yett wee have no news.

Wee are in daily expectation of the arrivall of the Advice Frigot, and the Dutchess being in readyness to load her so soon as she arrives.

Wee must reiterate our solicitations to you to give us what Assistance you can in Loading of the Bedford, for our fears increase upon us daily that wee shall not be able to compleat her loading, for Goods grow dear on this Coast and wee hear there's troubles att Vizagapatam but have had no letters thence above this three months.

In peruseing our former Letters to you wee find we have omitted desireing you to order the Cap^t: of the Bedford to call att Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam to take in such Goods as shall be laden by those ffactorys. Wee are.

S^rs:

Your Most humble servants.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
[John Meverell].

N°: 69.

Fort S^t: George 26th Sep^t: 1701.

To John Haynes Esq^r: Dep^y:
Governour &c^a: Councill at Fort S^t: David.

S^rs:

Wee received yours of the 20^th: Instant w^th: the papers according to List.

Wee will with all possible speed send you a pair screws for packing your bales, which will require some time, being made of Iron with beames and scales for Trepopalore.

Wee observe what you write about the Portugueez Padre with whom wee would have you agree upon the best terms you can, and you may list as many soldiers as are willing to goe, assureing them they shall have leave to return att the expiration of three years.

What you write about the Dutch haveing cheated the Hon^ble: Company of their Customs, shall be considered and orders given about itt.

Wee have perused your Accounts for the Months of August for the Beetle, Ganjee, and Tobacco and hope wee shall find itt encrease monthly, and in peruseing your Diary wee observe you say you are obliged to keep seventy Peons extraordinary, for the management of this part of the revenues, and that the farmers before did the same, but our bounds being surrounded with Peons, who watch on other occasions, should likewise be enjoined everyone of them to assist in this Buisiness, so wee think a far less number than what the farmers kept, would looke upon that affair, but still wee advise to keep suffecient to prevent the Company being wrong[ed].

[. . . Merchant will] not fail [. . .] Sunca Rama's ffactor pays any money into the [Com]panys Cash you may give them a bill [. . . for the] same.

Advise whether the alteration of the Revenue of Tobacco, and Beetle have as yett occasioned any weavers or other people to come and settle within your bounds. Wee are.

S^rs:

Your very Affectionate Freinds.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N°: 70.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 9th: OCTO^{BR} : 1701.

TO JOHN HAYNES, ESQ^{R} : DEP^{Y} :
GOVERN^{R} : &C : COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

S^{rs} :

Last night here arrived the Advice Frigott from Bengall and the Dutchess from Vizagapat^{m} : &c^{a} :

The Advice Frigot wee shall dispatch to you in few days, so would have you provide according to our former orders to give her a quick dispatch.

You must not faile to importune your Merchants to do their utmost to procure as great a quantity of bales as possible, for the troubles at Vizagapat^{m} : have very much dissapointed us.

Wee desire you to be more frequent in your advices than you have been of late to

Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
[THOMAS WRIGHT.]
[MATTHEW EMPSON.]
[THOMAS MARSHALL.]
[JOHN MEVERELL.]

N°: 71.

FORT ST: GEORGE 14 OCTOBER 1701.

TO M^{r} : JOHN FOQUETT CHEIF &c^{a} :
COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{rs} :

Wee have before us yours of the 22nd : and 29th : August 5 : 13 : 17 : September, and 2nd : October last.

In that of the 22nd : August you advise us of y^{r} : Goods seized by the Pollygars, but in a following Letter you write us they are cleared though att some charge.

The Cotton Romalls are doubtless meant by the Company the chey Romalls to be made of that squareness they order, but Sarcergunty Romalls are particularly forbid, so itt must certainly be the Bengall sorts, and lett it lessen the Contract what itt will, you must keep to the Compa^{s}: orders, therefore send no more Izarees Demitees, nor a peice of any other sorts than what mentioned in the Companys List.

Wee have severall times had the same news here that S^{r} : William Norris had got a Phirmaund, but alwaies in a few days contradicted.

Mulla Mahomud Backers Debtor lived at S^{t} : Thoma, and not in this place, otherwise wee would have served him in what he desires.

The Codges Watch wee received, and so soon as mended shall be returned to you.

Wee observe what you write about your two head Merchants, who have undertaken an Investment for the new Company, which you should endeavoured to have prevented by all means imaginable and when an oppertunity presents, be sure make them sensible of their infidelity.

Wee received the papers the President for the new [Comp]any sent you [concerning] M^{r} Du [. . .] in which you [. . .] unha [. . .] Woolston, who was our Companys servant [. . .] ed to them. The President here acquainted us [that he wrote] you about itt, and itt was unanimously [agreed] that you should protect him, and wee are glad he came upon the

Dutchess, for that the Country may now see wee dare do ourselves right, and revenge any injury they do us, and as for the protest he sent you how slily soever twa's left on your table, it's not worth ours nor yours answering.

The Dutchess arrived not here till the 8th: Inst: att night, by whom wee received Invoice and Bill Ladeing, for one hundred forty three bales from your place and Madapollam, with papers, Books &ca: according to List.

The Number of bales gives us very good sattisffaction but wish you had kept stricter to orders in relation to quantitys of some sorts, and others that are forbiden.

Your books are not as yett perus'd, the three bales of sugar taken out off the King William are charged Pags: 10: 28: 60.

You write us that you had granted leave for one Mr: Peck belonging to the new Company to take his passage on the Dutchess for the recovery of his health, which when you had done itt, was scornfully refused for which reason and many others never do the like againe, for without doubt they have spyes here enough already.

Wee shall pay your bill of four Hundred Pags: to Richard Foquett when demanded.

From Vizagapatam wee had but 118 bales notwithstanding Mr: Holcombe [wrote the President May] [. . .] which he has im [*a line torn*] in the procury of Eighteen, notwithstanding [. . .] stock he has in his hands.

Wee hope you make a good, and early Provision for the January ship, and wish you could procure one hundred bales of Ordinary Long Cloth, and Sallampores att Madapollam att reasonable rates you well knowing the sorts, and prizes here, and for what money you want to carry on your Investment you must gett bills, and wee'l endeavour to doe the same here, for that there will be no oppertunity of remitting by sea between this and January.

Wee are informed that Mr: Hastings very much frequents the new Companys ffactory, which we wonder you'l suffer, since wee have soe often, and strictly forbidden itt, and wee do here again order that if any in our Companys service doe the like for the future, that you suspend him, and advise us thereofe.

Wee observe what you write about the troubles of the Country, and Narrain confirms the same, as also the difficulty you meet with in the Management of your Merchants, nor can the Company nor us expect that wee can keep up our Merchants so nice to the Musters now as formerly, whilst wee have Competitors that buy with little regard to Goodness, lengths or Breadths.

Communicate what wee have here wrote to our ffactory att Madapollam. Wee are.

Srs:
Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No: 72.

TO THE HONBLE: SR: [JOHN. GAYER] KNT: GENERALL OF [INDIA &CA: COUNCILL] ATT SURATT.

H[ON: SRS:]

Our last to you was on the 23d: August, Copy whereof comes inclosed, since which wee have yours of the 18th: Aprill, and 19th: May pr: ship Bombay Merchant and 27th: August by Armenian Cosseds.

With the former wee received a receipt for salloes but no bill Ladeing nor Invoice, and a parcell of garden seeds, desireing you'l please to send us yearly the same quantity of both.

Wee are sorry Cap[t]: Raynes disappointed our Masters of a ffreight to Persia which tended soo much to their advantage.

Wee have also recieved the Goods consigned to us from Bombay, being on account of a Contract between the Hon[ble]: Company, and M[r]: Daniel Du Bois and shall proceed accordingly.

Wee observe in your last letter the account you give us of S[r]: William Norris's proceedings, from whom wee never expected otherwise, but wee hope he'l make the old proverb good, curst cows short horns.

The Vacqueel the President sent hence to the Camp had suffecient in money and Bill to defray charges, besides he has lately had sent him one Thousand Rupees, for 'twas not fitt to entrust him with Presents, but rather do itt ourselves by Letters, a little time now will shew the event of that great undertakeing.

The Dutchess, and Advice Frigot arrived not here till the 8[th]: Instant, who for fear of the Monsoon lye a great way off, which makes itt the more tedious in Loading of them, the former is bound directly for England [*a line lost*] fill up with pepper [about the dis]patch of which we shall write more fully [by Armenian] Cosseds.

Wee earn[estly desire] you to send us some wheat by the first Oppertunity.

Here's no manner of news since wee wrote you last so have not to add but, that wee are.

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]:

Your Most humble Servants

Fort S[t]: George, 20[th]: October 1701.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 73.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 20[TH]: OCTO[R]: 1701.

TO THE WORSHIPF[LL]: JOHN BURNISTON,
ESQ[R]: DEP: GOVERN[R]: &C[A]: COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

S[rs]:

Wee received yours of the 15[th]: Aug[st]: pr: Bombay Merchant with Invoice, and Bill Loading for Goods laden on her upon account of a contract between the Hon[ble]: Company and M[r]: Daniel Du Bois w[ch]: goods are received, and shall observe what the Gen[ll]: and Councill at Surat has wrote thereon wee have also received the bale salloos, and Garden seeds.

Wee have not only heard of the misfortune of the Loyall Cap[t]: and Morice, but also fear M[r]: Holcombe's ship is lost, and for our two Mocha ships, wee hear nothing of them.

Wee are att this time dispatching the Dutchess for England, and the Advice Frigot with two hundred bales to fill up att the West Coast. Our services to you all. We are

S[rs]:

[Your most humble Servants]
[THOMAS] PITT.
[FRANCIS] ELLIS.
[THOMAS WRIGHT.]
[MATTHEW EMPSON.]
[THOMAS MARSHALL.]
[JOHN MEVERELL.]

N°: 74.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE, 9TH: OCTOBER 1701.

TO [JOHN] HAYNES [ESQ^{R} : DEP : GOVERN^{R} :]
&C^{A} COUNCILL ATT FORT [S^{T}: DAVID].

Last night here arrived the Advice Frigot from Bengall, and the Dutchess from Vizagapatam.

The Advice wee shall dispatch to you in few days so would have you provide according to our former orders to give her a quick dispatch.

You must not fail to importune your Merchants to do their uttmost to procure as great a quantity of bales as possible for the troubles att Vizagapt^{m}: very much dissappointed us.

Wee desire you to be more frequent in your advices than you have been of late to

Your very affectionate freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 75.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 18TH : OCTOBER 1701.

TO JOHN HAYNES ESQ^{R} : DEP :
GOVERN^{R} : OF FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

S^{r} :

The President imparted to us the offer made you by some people for the investing to the am^{t} : of ten thousand pag^{s} : good part of which to be brought in for the January ship, and the reasons you give for secresie in this matter wee approve of, but in case of mortality wee would have you to take to you one of the Councill to assist in the management of itt, and proceed in itt with all the Vigour imaginable.

[. . .] a quick dispatch [. . .] [Fri] got, by which wee will send you wax. [Wee are.]

S^{r} :
Your very affectionate freinds
THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 76.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 21ST : OCTOBER 1701.

TO RICHARD WATTS ESQ^{R} : DEP :
GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} :
COUNCILL ATT YORK FORT.

S^{rs} :

Our last to you was by the Expedition who sailed hence in Company with the Mary sloop y^{e} : 18th : past, Copy of which Letter wee here inclose, and since peruseing your letter book, wee find one sent us by the Tryall which wee have fully answered

in our former letters, and lately wee have been advised Capt: Bush was cast away upon the Maldivas, where he and all his Europeans dyed.

Wee have little now to advise you, only that wee have sent you stores &ca: that wee could not gett ready by the Expedition to the amount of Pags: 4925: 12: 4 as pr: Invoice, and Bill Ladeing inclosed.

On this ship there is likewise sent a Negro bought, and Eight fellows of this Country banished for theft in order to be slaves to ye: Compa: also nineteen Europe and Portugueez soldiers with their Wives, who all come att their own request, their Pay advanced here, and Provisions laid for them is as pr: Paymasters list inclosed. [*a line lost*]

[. . .] Laden on this ship, the Advice ffrigott for [England Pepp]er Salt Petre, and redwood according to Char [terparty] and have ordered her to call and take in two hundred bales att Fort St: David, so that a small quantity of pepper will fill her up, which we strictly enjoyn you to do, and give her as quick a Dispatch as possible you can for England.

Wee here inclose this ship's Charterparty but you must take notice he has already received all the money agreed to be taken up in India.

Your Pepper by the Expedition without Garbling weighed no more than can 79: md 12: lb 16: so computeing your Bahar at lb 500: there is can 3: md 3: lb 9: lost besides Candy 4: 16: 14 of Dust amongst itt.

Wee very much rely upon your Assistance to fill up the January ship and that you'l send us pepper good store in order thereunto.

Wee have used our uttmost endeavours to gett a Portugueez Padre but as yett cannot prevail with any to come to you.

Wee are at this time buise in Dispatching the Dutchess, and with the fair weather may continue to compleat the same.

Wee approve your entertaining Messrs: Kingsley and Luxford, and have them encourag'd according to their merrits as also Mr: Coast Secretary.

Wee have here sent you in a box three roots of [. . .] which [. . .] we send them [. . .] they'l do [. . .] in [*a line torn*] your fruitfull [. . .] [We are]

Srs:
Your very Affectionate Freinds
Thomas Pitt.
Thomas Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

List of Fort St. George Pacquett to York Fort pr: Advice Frigot.

No: 1. Generall Letter dated 21st: October 1701.
2. Copy Ditto...dated 12 Septemr: 1701.
3. Invoice of the Advice Frigot.
4. Ditto's bill Ladeing.
5. Acot: 3 Months pay Advancd to the soldiers pr: Advice Frigot.
6. Accot: Provisions laid in for ditto soldiers.
7. Copy Advice ffrigot's Charterparty.
8. Sloop Expeditions 2nd: bill Ladeing.
9. Sloop Marys 2nd: bill Ladeing.
10. Copy Fort St: George Generall Letter to Tryamong datd: 13 Sep: 1701.
11. List of the Pacquett.

N°: 77.

To Capt : William Redhead.
Command^r : of ship Advice Frigott.

Haveing laden on board your ship here what designed for ffort St: David, and York ffort, wee order you on receipt hereof to repair on board, and wth: the first oppertunity of wind, and weather to weigh anchor sett sail and make the best of your way for the most speedy [attaining] the Port [of] ffort St: David [. . .] to send [. . .] Pacquett because wee would not have [. . .] herewith delivered to the Dep: Governour: [and] Councill there with such Goods for that place, [and] receive what bales they shall Lade wch: so soon as accomplished you are to proceed on yor: voyage for York ffort Bencoolen, where when arrived, you are to deliver our Pacquett as directed to the Dep: Governour and Councill there, whose orders you are to follow for your Ladeing, and further proceeding. There are severall soldiers take their passage for Bencoolen with their wives, to whom give the best accommodation you can, and seven Natives are also sent but they must not be permitted to go ashoar untill your arrivall att York ffort, and what Provisions laid in for them, let be taken care off, and neither spoiled nor Embezl'd. Wee have reason to fear there is a war wth: ffraunce therefore order you to avoid speaking with any ship att sea, and that you Keep your ship allways in a posture of defence, Wee wish you a good Voyage and date these in ffort St: George this 25th: day October 1701.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N°: 78.

Fort St: George 25th: Octobr: 1701.

To John Haynes Esqr: Dep:
Governour &ca: Councill: att Fort St: David.

Srs:

This comes by the Advice Frigot on whom wee have Loaden severall Goods and stores for the West Coast and some for your place [. . .]

[. . .] desire you to give her a quick dispatch [. . .] off the bales with all the Expedition possible [co]nsigning them to the Dep: Governour and Councill att York ffort.

Wee have putt on board this ship for your place Twenty Europe soldiers as pr: the Pay Master's List comes inclos'd.

Wee here return you the piece of Neck cloths you sent us and would have itt taken in, but lett the ends be twisted and knotted wch: may be done by your Peons without charge and pray gett them ready for the Janry: ship.

Wee have charged the Commander that he and his Officers nor any of his men (unless itt be the Purser) comes ashore, nor suffer any of the Passengers to come out of the ship, if they want water or anything, pray help them to itt.

If any Portugueez soldiers offers themselves for the West Coast, you may entertain them, and send them by this ship wth: their familys.

Wee shall write you an answer to your Letters lately received, so soon as wee have dispatched the Dutchess. Wee are.

Srs :
Yor : very Affectionate : Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No: 79.

To JOHN HAYNES ESQR . FORT St : GEORGE 5TH : NOVR : 1701.
GOVERNR : &cA : COUNCILL :
FORT St : DAVID.

Srs :

Wee received yours of the 28th : past yesterday and this Evening your others of the 30th : and 31st : ditto &ca : papers the 2 latter adviseing the misfortune of the Advice Frigot, wch : we are heartily sorry for to understand, and fear the Captain did not follow the advice given him by the President, to ride at the same distance as he did here, and in a Condition to putt out to sea upon appearance of the Monsoon approaching.

The President has wrote the Nabob and Duan and a letter to Abduli Labby, wch : do you forward being with the translate inclosed.

Wee desire you to use your uttmost endeavours to save what can be saved of the Goods as well as the wreck, and herewith comes Copy of the Invoice what Laden on her for the West Coast.

Lett us have your frequent advices in this matter. Wee are

Srs :
Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No: 80.

FORT St : GEORGE 8TH : NOVEMBR : 1701.

To THE WORSHIPFLL :
DEP : GOVERNR : &cA :
COUNCILL OF St : HELENA ISLAND.

Srs :

Wee received yours of the 21st : November 1700 by the Advice ffrigot, who arrived here the 5th : Aprill following and was unfortunately cast away a few days past near ffort St : David.

Wee observe the character you give of some of the men, and women you sent hither on that ship, which would have been much better to have remained with you than to be sent to any of the Comp^{s}: Settlements on this side of the Cape, and desire you'l forbear doing the like for the future.

Wee were not a little surprized to have a ship arrive from S^{t}: Helena, and not one word of what homeward bound ships had touched there, nor was the Commander able to give us any account thereof.

By the news wee have had by a new Comp^{s}: ship lately arrived on this Coast, who left England the latter end of Aprill last, wee have reason to fear there is a warr wth: ffraunce, if so, wee hope there may be wth: you some of our men of warr to meet our returning ships this year. Wee wish you health and prosperity, and are

S^{rs}:

Your Loveing Freinds to serve you

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

P.S.—By this ship comes a Mallay to remain there, whom wee would not have treated as a slave being a Person of some quality, and unwilling for the Good of the Companys affairs that he should return to his own Country.

N^{o}: 81.

Fort S^{t}: George Nov^{br}: 1701.

To John Haynes Esq^{r}: [Dep :]
Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Co[uncill] Fort S^{t}: David.

S^{rs}:

Wee received your Generall Letter of the 3rd: Instant and wonder that you have wrote us nothing of the West Coast Pacquet whether its sav'd or Lost w^{ch}: wee want to know, for that wee are provideing to send the Madrass Pinace thither. Wee also desire you to open the chests of treasure and put them in new bags, and what stores are saved pray gett ready for the Madrass Pinace to take them in, and if you can possible, gett an able Master to carry her to York ffort, and wee wish one of the Advice ffrigots mates would undertake itt.

Wee dispatched the Dutchess yesterday who took in 1459 bales amounting to Pag^{s}: 150617 : 24 : 3 but by reason of the uncertainty of the weather w^{ch}: promised not to be very good [she sailed without an Invoice].

By the quantity of bales that ship has taken in, you may guess what streights wee shall be under for the Bedford's Loading and therefore expect that your Merchants will not contribute less towards it than 1000 bales.

In few days wee'l answer all your Letters, but desire you'l speedily answer this. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your very Affectionate Freinds

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
[John Meverell].

N°: 82.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 10^TH: NOV^R: 1701.

TO THE HON^BLE: JOHN BEARD ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT
WILLIAM &C^A. COUNCILL.

S^rs:

Wee received yours the 15^th: May via Vizagapatam, and that of the 4^th: and 12^th: August pr. the Advice Frigot, with Invoice and bill Ladeing &ca. papers as p^r: List of the Pacquett, which ship arrived here not till the 8^th: past Month.

Wee observe what you write about the Seymour's Guns, The produce of the two sold, President's Beard remitted home on the Chamber's Frigot att the request of the President here, who intends to do the same, when the rest can be sold and accordingly wee have wrote the Company by the Dutchess.

The Dutchess returned not from Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam till the 8^th: ulto: and brought us not half the quantity of Goods wee expected from the former but 118 bales, and from Metchlepatam and Madapollam 193 w^ch: will occasion our Labouring under greater difficultys than wee formerly thought of, to compleat the Bedfords loading, The Dutchess haveing much deceived us in her burthen, haveing taken in 1459 bales which is between 3 and 400 bales more than wee expected her Invoice amounting to Pag^s: 150617: 24: 3, who sailed not till last night, wee haveing had much bad weather, besides she lay off a great distance for fear of the Monsoon, which detarded her dispatch, and all the Goods wee have left towards loading of the Bedford att this time is not above fifty [*a line lost*] leave [. . .] [cons]ider wh[at frei]ghts wee [. . .]

[When] the Advice ffrigot returned from you [. . .] had neither water nor provisions on board [to pr]osecute her intended Voyage for the West Coast, so t'was the 25 past before wee dispatch'd her to Fort S^t: David's where she was to take in 200 bales and then proceed to York Fort to fill up with pepper for England, but soon after her arrivall att Cuddalore there arriseing a very great storm and he not putting out to sea as ordered from hence was drove ashore between that place and Porto Novo the treasure she had on board (upwards of £ 1000) wee hear is saved and hopes of saveing the bales which was then about 70, but the Loss of stores, and dissapointment att the West Coast will be a considerable prejudice to the Company, the particulars how the ship was lost and what the Damage will be, wee have not yet receivd.

The Persian that came up with S^r: Charles Eyre belonging to the Phousdar of Hugly in few days after his arrivall sett out upon his Journey, and dureing his stay here was not guilty of any extravagancy as wee over heard, and accordingly the President has answered his letter w^ch: comes inclosed.

The 28th past here arrived the Pembrook Frigot belonging to this Port from Madapoll^m: who soon after comeing over that barr meett w^th: the Catherine a new Companys ship about 200 Tons who left England the latter end of Aprill, when y^e: Commanders says wee and the Dutch had 125 men of warr in the Downes, and that our sea Fort towns were full of Land forces, every day expecting [*a line lost*] parliament were [. . . g] to unite [the two] Comp: and that M^r: Sam [wel Sh]epherd was in the Tower, wee daily expect Letters from Metchlepatam, when hope to have a more particular account of Europe news, so have ordered as these Peons calls att Metchlepatam that the Cheife and Councill there, remit you all the news they hear.

Our last Letters from Suratt are of the 27^th: August wherein they advise that the Generalls &c^a: confinement were stricter than formerly by means of the new Company's Ambassadour, and Consull stireing up people to complain against them, the former endeavouring att the Camp, no less than to fix the Pyracies upon us, and to extirpate our Master's Interest out of the Mogulls Dominions, to effect which he has offered great sums of Money, but as yet all to no purpose, Wee also inclose some news that was in a particular Letter which wee have reason to credit, tho' the Generall &c^a: says nothing of itt w^ch: wee admire at.

Wee take notice what you write of the new Company's People haveing paid Custom in the Mint, which wee likewise beleive will be very difficult to be gott off since, as you say, 'tis entered in the King's books.

Our last to you was of the 25th: Septembr: Copy of which wee have since sent by French Cosseds and here inclose another.

As advised before wee dispatched the Dutchess the 9 Instant, haveing but that morning filled her up, when [itt blew] fresh, and a prospect of [*a line torn*] not stay for tho Invoice if he saw itt [as] [. . . .] blew which he and his Officers being of Opinion itt would he sailled that night without the Invoice so have sent itt here directed to the Company, which wee desire you'l forward by the first ship, with orders to putt itt aboard the Dutchess if they mett her, suposeing that if itt be a warr, to meet their ships att St: Helena where they will be stoped some time till all expected be arrived.

If this arrives with you before the dispatch of the Bedford, wee beleive t'would not be amiss since there's so great a probability of a warr if you added a Thousand or fifteen hundred bags more of salt Petre to the three Thousand wee formerly wrote you for that so wee may have store lye ready here on all Occasions. Wee are

Srs:

Your most humble Servants

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

List of Fort St: George Pacquet to Bengall Vizt:

No: 1. Generall Letter datd: 10th: November 1701.
2 The President's Letter to the Phousdar of Hughly.
3. Copy Paragraph of a private Letter from Suratt datd: 27 August 1701.
4. Copy Fort St: George Generall to Bengall datd: 25th: Sepr: 1701.
5. Pacquett directed to the Honble: Company being ship Dutchess Invoice for England.
6. List of the Pacquett.

No: 83.

Fort St: George [. . .] Novr: 1701.

To Mr: Simen Holcombe
Cheife &ca: Councill att Vizagapatam.

Srs:

Wee received yours of the 28th: August with Invoice, and Bill ladeing &ca: papers according to List by the Dutchess, who arrived here the 8th of last Month, being all the letters from you since the 8th: June for which wee can't but censure you Guilty of great neglect, for that wee heard itt rumoured up, and down the Country, that your place was in troubles whereof you never advised us, thô private people could have an account of the same.

You say the Dutch were the Fomenters of itt, and stirred up the Rajahs to do what they did, but whether itt be true or false, wee must say you have always hitherto found out some excuse or other to frustrate our expectations, as to your Investments, and more particularly at this time, for wee are all surprized att your sending no more than 118 bales, when the President here shewed us the Cheifs Letter in May last which says there was then one hundred bales then in the ffactory and the old remains near cleared and that there should come up in September

no more, is the admiration of us all which makes us conclude in short that you do not deal fairly with the Camp^a: and that their money is applyed to other uses than carrying on their Investments, wherefore wee must and will apply a speedy, and effectuall remedy.

At the begining of the year wee observe wee have [. . .] you large Promises but [*a line torn*]

[By] reason of the bad weather, and y^e: great distance the Dutchess Lay'd off shore wee did not dispatch her till yesterday, who deceived us very much in her Burthen, for whereas wee expected about eleven hundred bales would have filled her, she has taken in 1459 the Invoice amounts to Pag^s: 150,617: 24 : 3 so that wee have not att this time above 50 bales of Goods by us, by which you may guess w^t: readyness wee shall be in to loade that great ship the Bedford, by whom wee expect, and order you to make full returns as you promise, and see that the greatest part or all is in Longcloth, and salampores, and not in such Betteelas as you have now sent, being both dear, and Course.

You have promised us in your last that soon after, you would dispatch to us your books and give us an account how the affairs of the Country stood, of which to this day wee have not heard one word from you, tho' Letters are frequently received from private persons in your place.

M^r: Owen wee hear is dead who you say owed your Merchants 500 Rupees w^ch: wee hope your Cheif took care to see paid them, and stoped itt out of his ffreight for Paddy on M^r: Owen's Vessell to Metchlepatam.

Wee hear there's a new Camp^s: ship arrived att Maddapollam w^ch: left England in April last; by what news, she has brought that wee have allready heard of, wee beleive there is now a warr w^th: Fraunce, the particulars wee have wrote the Cheif and Councill att Metchlepatām to advise you, that [ship] also confirm [. . .]

[Wee expect] you give as quick a dispatch as possible to the Bedford ordereing her to call att Metchlepatam, and nott att Madapollam and hope you will not lade on her less than 800 bales, without which, tis impossible to dispatch her this season.

Wee desire you to forward the accompanying pacquet for Bengall with all speed by fresh Peons.

In opening your bales sent by the Dutchess, there was four pieces Betteelas wanting as p^r: the certificate inclosed. Wee are

S^rs:

Your very Affection^t: Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^o: 84.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 12^TH NOV^R 1701.

TO M^R: JOHN FOQUETT CHEIF &C^A:
COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^rs:

Our last to you was the 14^th. ult^o: which wee hear is received, since have one from you of the 11^th: ditto, with the severall papers as p^r: List:

Wee observe what you write about the sheets, and Longcloth that remained in the washers hands at Maddapollam, which wee would by all means if possible to avoid the takeing them in, for t'is more the advantage of our Masters to return their ships dead ffreighted, than send' em [. . .]

[Wee] are not a little concerned to see how often you deviate from our orders, particularly in that of your Investments, by takeing in such great quantitys of those Goods that the Company writes they gett nothing by, and others they soo possitively prohibit. The Company orders no more than 1000 pieces of Dimeties, which you have augumented to 2700 the Cost amounting to 8,775 Pag^{s} : and then they positively forbid sacergunty Romalls, whereof you have taken in 2,000 pieces, which amounts to Pag^{s} : 4,500 so y^{t} : there is near 1/3 of your Contract in Goods that y^{e} : Company will not see the prime Cost, and how they will aprove of such management you may easily guess.

As for M^{r} : Lapie if he pleases to come hither, and accept of any service at the West Coast, wee shall readily imploy him, all the ffactorys on this Coast being suffeciently filld by the Comp^{s} : servants. President Pitts paper was so trivial that wee wonder you took any notice of itt.

Wee hope by this the troubles of y^{or} : place is over, and that you'l hasten your Merchants and washers so as to make a plentifull provision for the Bedford.

Wee payd Cap^{t} : Raymond for the Vinegar you mentioned Pag^{s} : 6:14.

Wee wrote you in our former Letter [*a line torn*] any money till [. . .] the roads being [tro]ublesome and the rivers unpassable, so that your Merch^{ts} : must find out some way or other to gett bills w^{ch} : if they can procure you may draw on us sufficient to compleat your, and Maddapollam contracts.

Wee considering that since the Comp^{a} : has forbid any Investment in fine Long Cloth and sheets which was the Cheif of what was provided att Madapollam, that the Investment there will be so small as not to be able to bear the charge of a ffactory, wherefore wee would have you upon receipt of this, to draw that ffactory to Metchlepatam, and leave only a writer, and what servants shall be suffecient to secure the ffactory and as often as any buisiness requires lett the Cheif of Metchlepatam or some other fitting person go to dispatch it, and accordingly wee have wrote M^{r} : Frewen &c^{a} :

Wee wrote you in our former Letter to procure if possible one hundred bales of Ordinar^{y} : Long Cloth, hopeing you'l provide 300 bales at least of all sorts of Goods for the Loading the Bedford.

The 9th : Instant wee dispatched the Dutchess, who deceived us mightily in takeing in 3 or 400 bales more than wee expected, haveing laden on her 1,459 bales, the Invoice amounting to Pag^{s} : 1,50,617:24:3 so there's not left here more than about fifty bales, and therefore shall be putt to a very great plunge to gett Goods for the Jan^{ry} : ship

Wee hoped ere this to have received what news by the Catherine who Cap^{t} : Wealy mett with, but brought us an imperfect acco^{t} : [*a line torn*] nor did they [. . .] whether they heard of the Howland, but told him the Scepter was lost in the chanell, what news that ship brings pray remitt to Vizagapatam, and Bengall wth : the accompanying pacquets for those places.

The 25th : past wee dispatched the Advice Frigott to ffort S^{t} : David, to take in 200 bales, to proceed thence to the West Coast to fill up wth : pepper, but soon after her arrivall there and that she had about 60 or 70 bales on board, a storm came up, and put her ashore between that place, and Porto Novo where she's lost. The Treasure for the West Coast is saved, and some bales, how the ship was lost, and what else saved, wee have not yet received an account.

Impart the foregoing to Madapollam, w^{hr} : you forward our Letter to them inclosed.

Since writeing the foregoing wee received yours of the 29 past, adviseing the death of M^{r} : Foquett w^{ch} : wee heartily condole.

Your Merchants bill for 4,000 Pag^{s} : wee have payd, who you say refused to leave out sacergunty Romalls in the Jan^{ry} : Contract, you must do as well as you can with them, though wee wonder how you contracted for them when you had our orders w^{ch} : so strictly forbid itt.

Wee have perused the paper of Goods in the Godowne washed and att the Washers all w^{ch} : is but a poor quantity to what [. . .] your Merchant

daily [to] bring in their Goods and gett what is ready from Madapollam, that so the Bedford may not go thither.

Wee shall send you writeing paper, Ink &c^{a}: by the first oppertunity. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your very Affection^{t}: freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 85.

FORT S^{t}: GEORGE 12th: Nov^{r}: 1701.

To M^{r}: STEPHEN FREWEN
CHEIF &C^{A}: COUNCILL: ATT MADAPOLLAM.

S^{rs}:

Wee received yours of the 25th: Septem^{br}: with a Postscript of the 2^{-}, and by the Dutchess who arrived not here till the 8th: past wee received your Invoice, and bill Ladeing for what sent on her consisting mostly of Longcloth fine, and sheets, by w^{ch}: the Company will not gett a penny.

We have in our Letter to Metchlep^{m}: (who are ordered to impart to you) considered of removeing your ffactory to Metchelpatam for the reasons therein given to which referr you. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your very Affectio^{t}: ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
[JOHN MEVERELL.]

N°: 86.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 18 NOVEM^{br}: 1701.

To JOHN HAYNES ESQ^{r}: DEPT^{Y}: GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{rs}:

Wee have received both yours of the 12th: and 13th: Instant, and shall examin into the manner of the Loss of the ship, when the Commander, and Officers come hither.

Wee observe what you write about the wreck being bury'd in the sand, and can't think but if proper means were used, all might be saved that was in her, about which wee would have you consult with the most proper persons whether blowing up or cutting her to peices may answer that end and speedily put it in execution, but in regard to the owners, be sure consult the Captain, and take his consent therein and for whatever is saved belonging to the owners, lett M^{r}: Haynes take itt into his Custody to prevent embezlement, but not to dispose of anything without the Commanders consent under his hand.

Wee know not what orders as yet to give relateing to the seamen belonging to the ship and souldiers designed for Bencoolen, the Madrass Pinace being so very small, that she'd be able to take in but very few, of wch : lett there be two or three English souldiers go, and the slaves if possible, out more especially the Coffree, and provisions layd in for them for two months, and wee order you to ship on her the ten chests of treasure saved out of the wreck, and what else saved that she can take on board consigning the same to the Dep : Governour &ca : att [York] ffort.

Wee accept of Mr : Collier's offer of going Master of the Madrass Pinace for the West Coast, and order you to impress him three Months Pay att Twelve Pagodas pr : Mensem, and have entertained Thomas Standly as mate, who now brings the Vessell to your Port, which wee would have you to dispatch, with all imaginable expedition for that if possible she is to fetch Acheen to advise of some matters of great concern to this place.

Wee will take care to send another beam and scales and for Porto Novo ffactory you must give such reparation as it requires.

Wee have received a Letter this day from Doud Cawn translate of wch : wee here inclose.

Advise in your next what Numbers of the Long cloth are saved or lost from the wreck. Wee are

Srs :

Your very Affectionate freinds

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

P.S.—Lett the inclosed Instructions to Mr : Collier be delivered him and his dispatch by you for the West Coast conformble thereto. Wee here send you two hour, and two half hour glasses chargeing them at Pags : 16fa : 3ca :

No : 87.

Fort St : George 18th: Novembr : 1701.

To Richard Watts Esqr :
Dep : Governour &ca :
Councill at York Fort.

Srs :

On the 25th : past month wee dispatched hence the Advice ffrigot to ffort st : David to take in two hundred bales, and thence to come to your Port fill up with pepper for England as formerly advised [*a line torn*] cast away [. . .] little else but the treasure, wch : wee have ordered to be shiped on this Vessell, who wee purposely send to advise you of this misfortune that you might not keep pepper for her account, but lade it hither by all conveniences that offers.

Wee here inclose copys of what letters, & Invoice sent on the Advice ffrigot, by which youl see wee had to the uttmost of our powers sent you as plentifull suplys as this place would afford, and will repair this unfortunate Loss by sending you fresh supplys as soon as possible.

Mr : Collier Chief-mate of the Advice Frigot comes Master of this Vessell the Madrass Pinace which Burthen is about Twenty five Tons, her cost is as pr : Invoice Inclosed if she can be anyways serviceable on the Coast you may detaine her there or return her laden with pepper as you think fitting her stores and wages pay'd are as pr : the Paymasters and storekeepers accots : inclosed.

Wee have ordered this Vessell if possible to fetch Acheen, being to send thence advices to Malaca to caution our China ships of severall considerable Pyrats being abroad, but if she meets wth: difficulty to fetch that Fort, the Master is ordered directly for yours.

We have lately had ill news of the Diamond who is seized att Judda on pretence of Pyracy and Messrs: Wheeler and Cockroft in Prison there.

Here is lately arrived on the Coast the Catherine a new Company's ship who left England the latter end of Aprill, at which [time] [. . .] Dutch had 125 men of warr in the Downes and every day a proclamation expected out for a warr with France.

The Dutchess sailed hence for England the 9th Instant att night with 1459 bales her Cargoe amounting to Pagodas 1,50,617 : 24 : 3. We are

Srs:
Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF FORT ST: GEORGE PACQUETT TO YORK FFORT PR: THE MADRAS PINACE VIZT:

No: 1. Fort St: George Generall Letter dated : 18th: Novembr 1701.
2. Duplicate of do: datd: 21st: October 1701.
3. Copy of ditto [. . .] 12 Septemr 1701.
4. Copy of ditto to Tryamong 13 ditto 1701.
5. Copy Fort St: George Invoice pr; Advice ffrigott.
6. Copy Fort St: David Invoice of 64 bales Laden on the Advice ffrigott.
7. Invoice of the Madrass Pinace.
8. List of stores belonging to the Madrass Pinace.
9. Paymasters accot: Impress Money to the men belonging to the Madrass Pinace.
10. List of the Pacquett.

No: 88.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MR: JOHN COLLIER MASTER OF THE MADRASS PINNACE.

You haveing offered your service to go Master of the Madrass Pinnace to the West Coast wee have readily accepted thereof, being well satisfyed [*a line torn*].

Wee have ordered our Dep: Governour, and Councill att fort St: David to Impress you three Months pay att Twelve Pags: Pr: Mensem, and have entertaind here Thomas Standley your mate, and payd him three Months, att Eight Pags:and ordered to be putt on board you as many Passengers as you can conveniently take in, for which end you must have great regard to yor: water and quantity of Provisions for that you may happen to have a long Passage.

Wee would have you use your uttmost endeavours to fetch Acheen where you are to deliver a Letter directed to Mr: ffrancis Delton and another lettr: directed to the Governr: of Malaca, but in case Mr: Delton should be dead or gone from that place, Wee then order you to open Mr: Delton's letter, and put in execution what therein desired, concerning wch: you had best advise with what English you find at that place, the Purport of wch: Letter is to desire Mr: Delton to send with all Expedition, the Governours Letter to Malacca being to caution our China ships of severall considerable Pyratts being abroad, wch: is of very great consequence to this Port, and therefore wee shall esteem itt a valuable peice of service in you, if you answer our Expectation in this matter.

If in your endeavouring to fetch Acheen you meett with bad weather or contrary winds wee would not have you spend much time in beating for itt but goe directly to Bencoolen, and if itt should be your misfortune to meet with any Pyrats, be sure take care that none of our letters fall into their hands, that you sink them over board, or put them into some [*a line torn*].

Wee have ordered this Vessell to remain on the West Coast or return hither as the Dep: Gov^r: &c^a: of York Fort shall think fitt.

You must receive aboard what the Dep: Govern^r: and Councill att ffort S^t: David shall ship on you, in which wee would have you as Expeditious as possible, for that 'tis late in the year considering where you are bound, Dated in ffort S^t: George this 18^th: day November 1701.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

N^o: 89.

Fort S^t: George 27^th: Novem^br: 1701.

To the Hon^ble: S^r: John Gayer
K^ht: Generall of india &c^a: Councill att Suratt.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

Our last to you was on the 20^th: past Copy of which comes inclosed, since have received none from you.

On the 25^th: Past wee dispatched the Advice ffrigot to ffort S^t: David in order to proceed to the West Coast as formerly advised but after she had taken in between 60, and 70 bales, there arose a very violent storm, w^ch: put her ashore between Porto Novo and ffort S^t: David, the treasure for the West Coast and most part of the bales were saved so that wee compute the Loss to be about six or seven Thousand Pagodas, besides the dissapointment to the West Coast.

The Dutchess rode it out here at a great distance w^ch: very much detarded our Loadeing her, wee not compleating her Loading till the 9^th: Instant she takeing in 1459 Bales, her Invoice amounting to Pagodas 1,50,717: 24: 3 when wee dispatched off the Cap^t: desireing him to stay for the Invoice if there was no probability of bad weather, but that night itt blowing fresh, and a great sea comeing in he sailed without an Invoice, w^ch: wee here inclose desireing you'l forward to the Company by the first Oppertunity, and have sent another to Bengall though wee are apt to beleive that if it be a warr all ships will be stoped att S^t: Helena to goe home in a body with a squadron of men of warr.

4. Wee hope to dispatch the Bedford in ffeb^ry: though shall be hard putt to it, ship Dutchess haveing taken in 3 or 400 bales more than wee expected.

5 Wee lately received Letters from Anjengo adviseing of a Pyrat, w^ch: wee supposed he who[m] Cap^t: Fye chased, haveing taken a rich ship of Abdull Gopher of Deman, w^ch: wee fear will create new troubles to you. M^r: Braburn also advises of the misfortune of the Diamond, he being informed thereof by a Copy of a Letter of the Supra Cargoe, and Commanders sent by M^r: Penning from Callicut, copy of w^ch: comes inclosed tho' wee doubt not but you have had it sent you long ere this.

This misfortune wee can't but impute to the Villany of S^r: Nicholas Waite who as you informed us [*a line torn*] Government of Surat that our Company, and their ffactors were the Pyrats, and wee have reason to beleive that he has put Hussen Amud upon writeing to his Country to seize this ship, and wee fear another

ship the Acheen Merchant att Moco will meet w[th] : the same fate, and if a speedy remedy be not found out to make Judda render satisfaction, wee must expect all our shiping will be seized in Moors Ports throughout India.

7. The Loss of this ship and those taken lately, and formerly by the Arabs, makes great murmureing amongst the Inhabitants of this place who think it very hard to pay Customs, Anchorage, Tonage for passes, and other Taxes and have [no ?] manner of protection.

Wee being informed that Judda [. . .] the grand sign[r]: the President, and Councill &c[a] : Inhabitants of this place have wrote a Letter concerning this matter to our King Ambassadour, att Constantinople, and his Consull att Grand Cayro, The President has also wrote a Letter to the Governour of Moco, and to the Bassa of Judda requireing of the latter immediate satisfaction, all w[ch] : comes inclosed in a Pacquet to Mess[rs] : Wheeler and Cockroft att Judda, wh[ch] : wee desire your Hon[r] : &c[a] : will be pleased to forward to them by the first and safest conveyance, haveing remitted Duplicates, and Triplicates to Bengall, and Callicut to be sent thence if any oppertunity offers.

Wee also request of your Hon[r] : &c[a] : not only in our own behalves, but also for all the Inhabitants of this place, that if Judda ship should [be ?] in your Port, that you would be pleased to represent this notorious Injustice of the Bassa to the Government of Surat, and procure if possible an arrest to the ship till full satisfaction be made us or otherwise could wee be timely advised, wee would be prepareing to waylay her return, for wee must and will have reparation from that Port or those that belong to itt lett the consequence be what it will and doubt not but wee shall have your uttmost assistance in procureing it, Copy of all our letters on this Occasion, wee here inclose for your peruseal.

About the 26[th] : past Month there arrived at Metchlepatam the Catherine a new Company's ship who left England the latter end of Aprill, and brings out the news as p[r] : the paper inclosed, and says that just upon her comeing away 'twas, reported the ffrench were marched to Mastreicht w[ch] : had obliged the Dutch to pull their sluces, that there was a ship of our Masters about 150 Tunns ready to sail for this Port, and that the two Comp[as] : were at greater Variance than ever, and no probability of their uniteing.

Wee desire you'l please to send us by the first ship bound to this Port the Quantity of wheat wee wrote for last year, the disappointm[t] : of w[ch] : has putt us to hard shifts for good bread and that you'l send us four times the quantity of Good new and fresh Garden seeds, for that the discouragement our Inhabitants has mett w[th] : of late in trade makes 'em inclined to turn adamites. We are

Hon[ble] : S[r] : &c[a] : Your hum[ble] : Serv[ts] :

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
[Thomas Wright].
[Matthew Empson].
[Thomas Marshall].
[John Meverell].

Wee must assure you [. . .] advices what progress your Merchants ma[ke in] their Investments, what number of bales you [have] in Godown, and how the cloth comes out as [. . .] Goodness, and hasten what possible.

December the 1[st] :

Since writeing the foregoing wee received y[ours] of the 21[st] : and 22[nd]: past the 28[th] : ditto with the Se[verall] Copys of Abdull Labby Duans &c[a] : Letters about [. . .] wreck, and if Doud Cawn wrote Abdull Labby contrary to what [. . .] the President (whose originall Letter comes in [closed] wee can say tis like a Pattan, and would have y[ou] insist (if any dispute happen between you and Abdull Labby) that tis the custom of the whole world, when a ship forced ashore by bad weather and the ship's Company in her, that she can [leave] no wreck so as to be forfeited, but that whatsoever is saved of ship, and

Cargoe belongs to the proprietors and none else, nay by our law, there can be [no] forfeit if a cat or dog be in the Vessel, and that [the] Custom is practised in Bengall, Surat, and as much as amongst the wild Arabs, and they have as g[ood] a pretence to any Goods in our ffactorys as th[ey] have to the least thing in or belonging to th[at] ship, and according the President has wrote [to] the Nabob and Duan about it.

Assed Cawn's Perwanna can be [of] no use to us at this time, it mentioning only Wrecks cast away between this and St: Tho[mas] and Succalore to the North-ward of us [. . .] you write us for [*line torn*] [Mus] lins, of which wee have none here, so would have you supply yourselves and us too there, if you can by buying the Advice ffrigot's sails if in a condition and fitting for that purpose.

The screws wee shall hardly be able to send you by Janry: for that the makeing 'em takes up a great deal of time.

If you cant procure bills you must advise us, and wee will send you money with a strong Guard by land.

Wee shall bind your consultations as you desire.

As to what you write about the souldiers, and sailors being an extraordinary charge to your place, tis not to be avoided till the turn of the Monson, and then you may send those you have not occasion for hither, for should they not be Entertained and permitted to straggle up and downe the Country greater inconveniences would attend it than the charge amounts to.

Wee received yours of the 8th: Instant with an account of what was saved out of the wreck of the Company's and private Persons.

Wee have payd your three bills for Eight Thousand Pags: as you advised of in the aforesaid Letters.

By the first, and all good and safe conveyances wee would have you freight hither what bales you have ready.

Wee cannot think it adviseable [. . .] your coining Rupees without wee were well [*line torn*].

[List of Fort St. George Pacquett to Surat].

No: 1. Generall Letter dated 2nd November [1701].
2. Copy ditto „ 20 October [1701].
3. ffort St: George Invoice of ship Dutchess.
4. {
 Copy of severall papers relateing to ship Diamond being taken at Judda vizt:
 Messrs: Wheeler, and Cockroft's Letter to Mr: Penning [. . .] Callicut datd: 20th: June 1701.
 The Owners of ship Diamond their letter to Messrs: Wheeler, and Cockroft dated 15th: November 1701.
 The President's Letter to the Governour of Moco.
 Ditto's Letter to the Bassa of Judda, and Grand Court there.
 The Governor and Councill &ca: Inhabitants of ffort St: George their letter to the Kings Ambassadour att Constantinople.
 Ditto's to his Councill at Grand Cayro.
5. Pacquett directed to Messrs: Wheeler, and Cockroft at Judda.
6. Abstract of Europe news.
List of the Pacquet.

N° : 90.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 27th NOV^{r}: 1701.

TO JOHN HAYNES ESQ^{R}: DEP: GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT FFORT S^{T} : DAVID

S^{rs}:

1. Wee are now peruseing your Letters formerly received, in order to answer what wee have hitherto omitted.

2. As to what you write us concerning the Dutch haveing lately defrauded our Company of their Customs on a parcel of Pappys in un[der] valueing them, wee would have you represent it [. . .] one full Custome according to the Tenor of their [. . .] and for the future you must have a stricter Eye [on] them, and keep to the resolutions in your Consultations of the 14th: September last, but if possible avoid [tra]velling wth: them at this time, for though they [are] freinds wth: us in Europe to preserve their own Country, yet by large experience, wee know they are profest Enemies to us in trade, especially in [these] parts.

Wee payd your two bills to Sun[ka] Rama of four Thousand Pagodas as advised in yours of the 7th: past and another bill for one Thousand Pag^{s}: advised in yours of the 11th: Ditto.

Wee wrote to our Masters by the H[igh]land about the Engineer, from whom wee expect and answer p^{r}: first ship, till when shall deferr dischargeing him.

Wee take notice of the Monthly in[voice] of the Beetle and Tobacco, w^{ch}: hope by your [order] and management will increase.

Wee approve of your disposeing y^{e}: Lead at six Pag^{s}: p^{r}: Candy and wish you could put off all the rest at the same price, wee haveing sold none under in this place.

Wee received your Generall Letter to the Company which was sent them in our Pacquet.

If the Neckcloths are not lost or shiped off, we would have them knotted, tho' it putts you to the charge of rewashing them.

Wee have before advised you that y^{e}: screws will not be ready to send you to pack brown cloth which bales if you send early, we will doe them here, and if you have other cloth to employ your washers, the sooner you do it the better, for should you deferr it till the last, you may chance to have your cloth spotted in the bringing in which must by no means be packed brown but this we leave wholly to your discretion and good management.

Wee observe your resolutions about some of you going to veiw the wreck, but wee think it adviseable that the Dep : Governour should not goe, and so soon as wee have an answer from the Nabob and Duan, shall advise you thereof.

Wee thought wee had plentifully supplyed the Madrass Pinace with all stores, but what more you found necessary, cannot be avoided.

The hour, and half hour Glasses were left behind, and the latter shall be sent you by the first Oppertunity.

The time drawing on for pruneing your Vineyard, wee desire you to send us a considerable quantity of slips of the best grapes w^{ch}: you may d[espatch] overland, so preserved as to keep hither. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your very Affectionate Freinds.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANOIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No: 91.

FORT S^T : GEORGE 2^ND : DECEMB^R : 1701.

TO M^R : STEEPHEN FREWEN
CHIEF &C^A : COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^rs :

Wee received M^r: Frewen's &c^a: Letter from Metchlepatam dat^d: the 15^th: past with the Musters of the ordinary Longcloth, and Salampores which wee have sent to washing, but as they appear brown they are very dear at the price you mention, and not near so good a sort of Cloth as ours here, in so much that wee cant adventure to medle with any of it, unless wee see great alteration in it after washing.

Wee observe your Merchants proposalls for an Investment in January, you have been advised that the Company positively forbid sheets and fine Long Cloth of which wee will not contract for a peice, and hope before January to have fresh advices from the Company.

What sheets and Long Cloth were brought in on September Contract, wee dont see how you can avoid takeing them in.

The Bedford now will in a little time be with you, against when wee hope you'l have gott your bales from Madapollam to lade on her for wee can't approve of her going into that roade, we have had but one letter from M^r: Holcombe since the 28^th: of June last, w^ch: was p^r: the Dutchess, so are in the dark what number of bales wee may expect from that place, if you hear any news from those parts, be sure to advise us. Wee are

S^rs:

Your very Affectionate Friends
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No: 92.

FORT S^T. GEORGE 11^th: DECEMB^R: 1701.

TO JOHN HAYNES ESQ^r:
DEP: GOV^R: &C^A: COUNCILL ATT FFORT S^T: DAVID.

S^rs:

Wee received yours of the 28^th: Novem^br: and 3r^d: instant, and have pay'd the four bills advis[ed] therein amounting to Eleven thousand six hundred Pag^s: so that now wee compute with what sent on the Bedford, you have received upward of ninety seven Thousand Pagodas.

In your former letter wee received the bill Loading and invoice of what Laden on the Madrass Pinace &c^a: papers as p^r: List.

Wee must desire for the future, that what bills drawn on us you remember to date them, those advised in yours of the 8^th: past being without any.

Our Merchant here acquaint us that there will be some of their Investments brought in at your place, for which they have provided seperate washers and beaters, so that wee desire you to measure, sort and Embale them, and send them hither with your bales by the first opportunity, and acquaint us from time [to time] what is brought in on their acco^t:

Wee would have you send us by yᵉ: first conveyance forty baggs of the best wheat your Country affords upon the Companys accoᵗ: Wee are

Sʳˢ:
Your very Affectioᵗ: Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Nᵒ: 93.

FORT Sᵀ: GEORGE 15ᵀᴴ: DECᴿ: 1701.

TO THE WORSHIPFᴸᴸ JNᵒ: BRABOURN ESQᴿ:
COMMODORE &cᵃ: COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO.

Sʳˢ:

Wee received yours the 16ᵗʰ: past the 6th Insᵗ: with the inclosed papers, adviseing wᵗ: Pranks the Pyrats had played on your Coast, and the assistance they meet with from our good friends the Dutch, who sticks at nothing to fix that infamy on us, which they most deserve themselves.

What reported by the French Directors of the two Companys being united, is contradicted by letters from England in Aprill last.

If you hear any further news from Bombay or Surat, pray advise thereof as Expeditious as possible, for that it may be of Moment to the Companys affairs in these parts. We are

Sʳˢ:
Your Assured Freinds and
humble servants
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Nᵒ: 94.

FORT Sᵀ: GEORGE 15ᵗʰ: DECᴮᴿ: 1701.

TO JOHN HAYNES ESQᴿ:
DEP: GOVERNᴿ: &cᵃ:
COUNCILL AT FFORT Sᵀ: DAVID.

Sʳˢ:

Wee received yours of the 10ᵗʰ: Instant by Mʳ: Berry to whom wee shall pay your bill of two hundred Pagˢ: and suppose there will be [no] more need of drawing bills on us, you [. . .] very near the amount of your Investment, unless it be small summs for the convenience of trade.

You may double the quantity of blew Cloth, but it must be a deep dye, and such as the Dutch sends for Europe, and may also lay by a quantity of cloth fitting to be packed brown at last, if you have not time to wash it, for wee must use all means immaginable to fill the Bedford, more especially haveing lately had letters from Vizagapatam, from whence wee expect little or noe goods towards it.

Wee expected long ere this to have heard whether Mr: Bawgus had cleared his acco^t: which if not done within the limitted time, as ordered by the President &c^a: wee expect what then agreed on in Councill be putt in Execution.

You may remember that there were five Prisoners that the President brought away with him, which had been committed by Mr: Fraser for a murther they had done without our Bounds for which wee once intended to send them to the West Coast, but it being represented to us that they have relations capable of prejudicing the Comp^s: affairs wee thought fitt to detaine them here, who have proposed giveing five hundred Pagodas to the Company to obtain their liberty, in order to which wee gave leave to three of them to come to your place to raise the money amongst their ffreinds, who wee hear you have clapt up in Prison so desire on receipt of this, to sett them at liberty if you have no material reason to the contrary, for the murder was committed out of our bounds, there was no obligation on us to trouble ourselves with them.

Here is Ensign Jolly has complained to the President that Robert Tomes has publickly aspersed him, that through his instigation he committed here a most notorious theft, into the truth of which wee desire you to enquire, and if you find him guilty punish him severely for wee are well satisfyed in the integrity of Jolly, who hath given large testimonys thereof on several Occasions.

Wee wait with great impatience the arrivall of your Generall books, ours being kept open for them.

Wee hearing that grain is dear to the Northward, and cheap in your parts, wee think it adviseable that you keep not less than forty or fifty Garse in store, and that you provide the like quantity for this Garrison, and advise in your next the price to

S^rs:
Your very Affectionate Freinds
THOM^AS: PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^AS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 95.

FORT S^t: GEORGE 17^th: DECEMB^R: 1701.

TO M^R: STEPHEN FREWEN
CHEIF &c^a: COUNCILL AT METCHLEPATAM.

S^rs:

This serves cheifly to transmitt to you Copys of sundry papers sent us by Mr: Brabourn &c^a: Councill at Anjengo, by which you will be able to judge how affairs goe at Surat and that there is a Pyrat of great force lyes cruzing near [cape comorin]

Last night the President received Letters of the 23^d: past from Anjengo, adviseing that the night before Cap^t: Robert Hudson arriv'd there in our Comp^s: ship for Surat: he left England in June, and brings the following news, that the [Parliament] was inclined to disolve the new Company, Our Masters haveing offered to advance the two Millions lent on the act, that Mr: Shepherd, was close prisoner in the Tower, and six others of the new Company in Newgate for bribeing of Parliament men; Kidd was hanged and made no confession; great preparations made by us and the Dutch for a war who wrote our King a letter, which was ordered to be printed by the House of Lords setting forth their deploreable condition, Copy of which comes inclosed.

The Commons had petitioned the King to banish his presence for ever, my Lord Portland, my Lord Summers, and three other Lords, Capt: Hudson stayed not half an hour., the Pyrat lying within 10 leagues of him.

Another small ship of our Masters called the Nathaniell Capt. Hill bound for Surat fell in the 13th past in sight of the Pyrat, who sent his boat with ten men to see who he was, which the Pyrat detained and chased the ship, but lost her in the night, so tis supposed that Capt: Hill is gone to Zelone.

The Emperour has had a Battle wth the ffrench in Millan, and gained the Victory.

Wee desire you to send us up as soon as possible two Hundred Weight of English white Lead if procurable.

You may permitt Mrs ffauquet to come upon the Bedford, tho for what she has done in proveing her husbands will before the new Companys President she deserves no Countenance nor assistance from our Government nor shall the proveing of it there be of any validity with us, unless it be done before our Chief Mr. Frewen and so acquaint her.

Wee desire you to hasten your Merchants to gett your Goods in for the Bedford, whom you may detaine with you till the middle of January, if it contributes to the increasing of your number of bales. Wee are.

Srs:
Your very Affectionate Friends
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S.—Lett the accompanyng Pacquet for Vizagapm be forwarded with all Expedition.

LIST OF FORT ST. GEORGE PACQUET TO METCHLEPATM.

No : 1. Generall Letter dated 17th December 1701.
2. Copy Anjengo Genll : Letter to ffort St : George datd 13th Novr : 1701.
3. Copy 3 Clauses, Surat Genll : Letter to Bombay datd : 23d : Sepr : 1701.
4. Translate of states Generall's Letter to the King of England datd : 13th : May 1701.
5 List of the Pacquet.

No : 96.

FORT ST : GEORGE 17TH : DECBR : 1701.

TO MR : SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEF &CA : COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPAM :

SRS:

1. Your long expected Letter of the 24th : Novr : was received the 12th : Inst : with the accompanyng papers as pr : List, and observe the excuse you make for writeing but once in six months.

2. Wee are obliged to beleive what you write about the uncertainty of your Country Government, and the frequent Vicessitudes that happens, wch : if true must of necessity be very prejudicial to trade, but one thing wee take notice of

that the Government and Country is very well settled when you write us for money to carry on an Investment but the troubles allwaies happen so as to disappoint us of the quantity of Goods wee might reasonable expect from you, and likewise prevents your performing your usuall large promises on that subject.

3. Wee never had more need of your assistance than at this time, and find wee never saw less hopes than by this Letter you sent us, so that if these misfortunes are not speedily remedied, by better management or a thorow settlement of your Government (knowing not w^ch^: of the two to impute it too) wee shall have it under our consideration to remove your ffactory for that hitherto, what assistance you give towards loading the Companys ships, is meer chance, and not to be depended on.

4. Your Generall books not comeing has detarded the closeing of ours, and though M^r^: Stables was indisposed others might have finished those small books

Your Investment of 20,000 Pag^s^: you say comes in pretty plentifully, but as you stuff it with an undue proportion of Betteelas, twill amount but to a small number of bales and instead of rectifying that Error, you have made it much worse in makeing a new Contract for 12,000 Pag^s^: all in Bettelas and if Bieddy Narran &c^a^: papers be true, wee are to expect no other than Betteelas this year w^ch^: will tend more to the prejudice of the Company, than if the money had lain Idle as you say in the Chest or returned it hither, for, w^t^: can you imagine the Company shall do w^th^: such a quantity of Betteelas, considering how Ordinary they are, and dear besides, in plain they'l never see their prime Cost nor will their ships be loaden.

Wee have also by us above 40 bales of your Betteelas sent by the Dutchess, which could not be washed before her departure.

You say you have made a compleat effort at a small charge, and thô never so small yo^r^: Investments will not bear it, as Buddy Narran and you carry them on much less a Number of men, and a Quantity of amunition, the sending of which wee'l consider of ere wee putt the Company to that Charge.

Wee shall Load your ship with Rice as you desire and wonder she is not yet arrived w^th^: us.

The President has lately had a letter from Gov^r^: Comans, wherein there is severall complaint against you, translate of w^ch^: comes inclosed, we have formerly cautioned you of quarrelling with their people and do again now, and desire your answer to the complaint, in order to send it to Negapa^tm^:

Wee have lately received Letters from Anjengo w^th^: Clauses of Letters from Surat to Bombay w^ch^: comes inclosed, wee have reason thereby to fear that our People are in troubles at Surat and also at Bombay, the Pacquet for Bengall, wee desire you to further by the most expeditious Peons you have.

Last night the President received Letters of the 23^d^: past from Anjengo adviseing that the night before Cap^t^: Robert Hudson arriv'd there in our Company's ship for Surat he left England in June, and brings the following news, the Parliament was inclined to disolve the new Company, our Masters haveing offered to advance the two millions [lont] on the act, that M^r^: Shepherd was close Prisoner in the tower, and six others of the new Company in New gate for bribeing of Parliament men ; Kidd was hanged and made no Confession ; great preparations made by us and the Dutch for a warr, who wrote our King a Letter w^ch^: was ordered to be printed by the House of Lords, setting forth their deplorable condition copy of w^ch^: comes inclosed.

The Commons had petitioned the King to banish his presence for ever my Lord Portland, my Lord Summers, and three other Lords. Cap^t^: Hudson stayed not there half an hour the Pyrat lying within 10 Leagues of him.

Another small ship of our Master called the Nathanel Cap^t^: Hill bound for Surat fell in the 13^th^: past in sight of the Pyrat, who sent his boat w^th^: ten men to see who he was w^ch^: the Pyrat detained, and chased the ship but lost her in the night so tis supposed that Cap^t^: Hill is gone to Zelone.

The Emperour has had a battle with the French in Millan, and gained the Victory. Wee are

Srs.

Your Affectionate Freinds,

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE FORT Sr : GEORGE PACQUET TO VIZAGAPATAM VIZT :

No: 1. Generall Letter dated 17th : December 1701.

2. Translate of Govr : Comans letter to President Pitt dated 14th December 1701.

3. Copy Anjengo Letter to Fort St: George datd: 13th: Novr: 1701.

4. Copy 3 Clauses Genll: Letter to Bombay datd: 23d: Septr: 1701.

5. Translate of the states Genll: Letter to the King of England datd : 13th May 1701.

6. List of the Pacquet.

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FORT ST: GEORGE, 17TH: DECEMBR: 1701.

TO THE HONBLE : JOHN BEARD ESQR :
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT WILLIAM &CA : COUNCILL.

Srs :

Wee wrote you the 10th: past Copy whereof comes inclosed, tho this comes chiefly to remit you the news wee have had lately from Anjengo as by the Copys inclosed, by wch: you will be able to Judge how affairs go at Surat, and that there is a Pyrat of great force lyes cruizeing near Cape Comarin.

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The Emperour has had a battle wth : the ffrench at Millan, and gained the Victory.

Wee are informed from Vizagapatm : that Grain is likely to be dear in those parts, so that if you should have no other Employ for your sloops after you have

dispatched your shiping, and that Rice be cheap w[th]: you twould not be amiss if you Loade them hither with Rice, and Salt Petre for ballast, and some good Bundapore wheat, if procurable, for that you last sent us was not fitt for Bread. We are

S[rs]:
Your Most humble Servants
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE PACQUET TO BENGALL VIZ[T].

1. Generall Letter dat[d]: 17[th]: December 1701.
2. Copy Ditto 10 November.
3. Copy Anjengo letter to Fort S[t]: George 13[th]: Nov[r]: 1701.
4. Copy 3 Clauses Surat Gen[ll]: Letter to Bombay dat[d]: 23[rd]: September 1701.
5. Translate of the States Gen[lls]: Letter to the King of England dat[d]: 13[th] May 1701.
6. List of the Pacquett.

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FORT S[T]: GEORGE DECEM[BR]: 24[TH]: 1701.

TO JOHN HAYNES ESQ[R]: DEP.GOV[R]: &C[A]:
COUNCIIL ATT FORT S[T]: DAVID.

S[rs]:

1. Yours of the 15[th]: and 17[th]: Instant wee received the 21[st]:

2. You say there are two new sailes of Hollands Duck to be sold, send us the largest of them.

3. Wee wonder your pressing the Coining of Rupees when there's so many inconveniencies attend it and one of the cheifest is, the danger of lessening the credit of ours coined here, which att this time pass at 5 and 6 p[r]: Cent Batty in Bengall and when you acquaint us that tis the Companys advantage for you to have Rupees, wee will supply you hence, Wee are at this time under great streights for Madrass Pagodas to carry on our Investm[ts]: and thô wee have about one hundred Thousand Pagodas in Cash, there is not one Madrass Pagoda amongst 'em, for w[ch]: reason wee have ordered that all payments for Goods sold out off the Companys Godowns be made in Pagodas of this place, and all Tevenapatam and Policat be put in the mint and Coined into Madrass Pagodas.

Wee observe what you write about the quantity of Goods brought in by both setts of Merchants, who promised to keep up to Muster w[ch]: would be of considerable advantage to y[e]: Comp[s]: for Course, and fine pays one and the same freight and Custome, but considering the great number of bales wee shall want to fill the Bedford wee must take in all that comes, though they are sorted to lower Numbers.

Wee have not as yet received any answer from Doud Cawne to the Letter the President wrote him.

Wee have pay'd your bill for five Thousand Pagodas advised in yours of the 17[th]:

Wee hear nothing of Porto Novo and Du Island being granted to the new Comp[a]: but to the Contrary, that S[r]: W[m]: Norris had left the Kings Camp in disgust, and come as farr as Brampore, where he was overtaken by an order from the King to the Governour of that place to detain him there till his farther order

tho it has been often reported from Metchlepa[tm]: that he had got Phirmaunds, and God knows what, but as often contradicted.

As for Salampores ordinary you may pack 3 or 4 Thousand peices brown, if the Washers cant compass the washing what other Cloth you have.

Here called Abdull Labby's Wacanavece in his way to Doud Cawns Camp who wee suppose as he was ordered, discoursed us about the wreck and being answered much to the same tenor as wee formerly wrote you, was satisfyed and hope convinced w[th]: a Present of forty or fifty Pag[s]: on w[ch]: he had promised to be our freind. Wee are

S[rs]:
Your very Affec[t]: Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THO: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N°: 99.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 24[TH]: DEC[R]: 1701.

To M[R]: STEEP[N]: FREWEN CHEIF &C[A]:
COUNCILL ATT METCHLEP[TM].

S[rs]:

1. Yours of the 6[th]: Ins[t]: wee received the 20[th]: with the inclosed papers as p[r] List.

2. M[r]: Lapce you may permit to come upon the Bedford, and what souldiers you think uneedfull to keep with you.

3. Wee have wrote about M[rs]: ffoquet in our former Letter, who was in great hast to prove her husbands Will when she knew M[r]: ffrewen was to be there that night, and than wee cant, but censure the indiscretion of those that went with her, and others that permitted if they were forewarned of itt.

4. Your bill of hundred fifty five Pagodas is payed, and what you want to compleat your Madapollam Investment you must wait till the turn of the Monsoon unless you can get bills.

5. Wee want for our Consultation room table some fine broad cloth of the deepest green, the length $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards, and breadth $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards, w[ch]: pray procure and send by the Bedford, or sooner if oppertunity permitts.

6. Wee received also your Madapoll[m]: Letter of the 2[nd]: and have given you our Opinion in ours of the 2[nd]: Instant as to takeing in the sheets, and Longcloth, w[ch]: being the remains of a former Contract wee think it not be avoided.

7. Wee approve of your withdrawing Maddapollam ffactory and leaving M[r]: Jerem: Harrison there till the Contract is finished, who is to take place according to his standing when he removes to Metchlepatam.

8. 'Twas not to be avoided your Present of one hundred Pagodas to the Rashwarr and he deserved it not only for his past services but in some measure for the Visit he made you, w[ch]: disgusted the new Comp[as]: People. Wee are

S[rs]:
Your very affectio[t]: Freinds
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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